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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
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TULSA WORLD

Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
October 3, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed a copy of a story on the  
State Police School at Norman, Okla.

I attended the school and thoroughly  
enjoyed the lectures given by Mr. Schilder of your office.  
In fact if it had not been for Mr. Schilder there wouldn't  
have been any school.

With best wishes,

Walter Bishop.

Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, A Tulsa masseuse,  
today sued her husband for divorce on grounds of desertion.  
His name is Alvin Karpis. I'm afraid the process servers  
here won't have much success in getting him into court.

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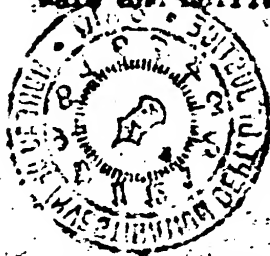
Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, N. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; MARTIN CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et  
al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter dated September  
30, 1935, with copies to all offices, in the above en-  
titled matter, requesting withdrawal of "stop orders"  
against Chevrolet Coupe Motor #4135550.

Please be advised that this "stop order" has been  
withdrawn in the Motor Vehicle Bureau of Dover, Dela-  
ware and Harrisburg, Pa.



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Very truly yours,

R. C. HAWLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

October 3, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1234;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. V. Meekins, Jacksonville, Florida, dated September 9, 1935, and to report of Special Agent P. S. Bailey, Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina, under date of September 17, 1935, both of which relate to one W. H. Thompson, 828 1/2 West Trade Street, Charlotte, North Carolina. You are advised that examination of the files in this case reflects that Thompson's name appears only in the reports described above.

With regard to the undeveloped lead in the report of Special Agent Bailey, requesting the Cincinnati Office to advise if it would be desirable to have Thompson interviewed, you are advised that such an interview is desirable. It is requested that immediate interview be had with Thompson, and that he be questioned as to his associations with William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, under their alias of Osborne, at Port Orange, Florida, and vicinity. Thompson should also be asked for information concerning persons with whom the Osbornes associated, and the photographs of the various subjects in this case should be displayed to him for possible identifications. Any information Thompson may possess as to bank accounts maintained by the Osbornes, or means they had of securing money, should also be obtained.

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Very truly yours,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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CC: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

R. F. CONNELLEY, Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
October 3, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm receipt of your telegram of October 2, 1935, referring to the report of Special Agent Watkins, Jacksonville, Florida, September 9, 1935, requesting that vigorous effort be made to locate the telegram delivered to Weaver by C. F. Waldron, drug store proprietor, Port Orange, Florida, last winter.

It is noted in Agent Watkins report of September 9th that C. F. Waldron, proprietor of the drug store at Port Orange, very vaguely informed that he could only distinctly recall having sent one message to the Osbornes, which he said was delivered to them some time in February, 1935.

Immediately upon receipt of your telegram I contacted J. E. Watkins, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company here, with whom this office maintains the most cordial relations. He stated that he would search his files for the month of February, 1935, in an effort to locate any telegram that was received by Weaver, as J. E. Osborne, through Port Orange. Later, he telephonically advised that a search here had failed to locate the telegram in question.

Mr. Watkins was then requested to communicate with the Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Daytona Beach in an endeavor to have him make a search of his files for the original telegram. Several hours later Mr. Watkins informed that the Manager at Daytona Beach had advised that he had searched through his files of original telegrams for the month of February, 1935, but had failed to locate any telegram addressed to Weaver as J. E. Osborne, at Port Orange.

I then inquired of Mr. Watkins whether it would have been possible for the telegram in question to have been received through the Postal Telegraph Company at Daytona Beach, Florida, and through C. F. Waldron delivered to Weaver, as J. E. Osborne. He stated that

Mr. E. J. Connelley,

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this would be impossible since Mr. Balaram represented only the Western Union Telegraph Company at Port Orange.

I then inquired of Mr. Watkins whether, since copies of all Western Union telegrams received in the office at Jacksonville were destroyed after six months, a thorough search could be made of the files in the Daytona Beach office of the Western Union for all original telegrams addressed to, and delivered to, Weaver as J. H. Osborne. Mr. Watkins in reply stated that this was during the busy winter season at Daytona Beach, Florida, and that since a great deal of time would be required to make the search from November 1, 1934, until the time of Weaver's apprehension on September 1, 1935, he would like to have a Court order for such search.

As you will recall, in obtaining such a court order previously in this district we experienced considerable difficulty. However, if you desire such search made, and will advise me immediately, everything possible will be done to obtain such court order.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

BAA:G

Cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul.

P. S. This will also confirm my telegram to you of this date giving you the pertinent facts contained herein.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Jax File 7-24.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Little Rock, Ark.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/5/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/14/35 &amp; 10/4/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. V. Coulter</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>George Dunn unknown to law enforcement officials and Postal authorities at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Richard Galatas presently at Kansas City, Missouri.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 7, 1935. Letter from the Los Angeles office to the Kansas City office dated September 16, 1935.</b>			
DETAILS:  <div style="text-align: center;"><b>At Fort Smith, Arkansas.</b></div> <p>The city directory of Fort Smith does not list the name of George Dunn. Neither is he known at the General Delivery window of the Post Office.</p> <p>Inquiry was made on September 14, 1935, of the U. S. Marshal, the Deputy U. S. Marshals, the Chief of Police, Sheriff Jack Pace, his deputies, and the State Trooper stationed at Fort Smith. All of these individuals stated George Dunn was unknown to them and that they had never heard of him frequenting Fort Smith. The Chief of Police, as well as the Sheriff, stated there were a number of ex-convicts from the state of Oklahoma coming in and out of Fort Smith, and it is possible that Dunn occasionally comes to town, but that they do not believe he uses the name of George Dunn in Fort Smith.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"><b>At Hot Springs, Arkansas.</b></div> <p>Inquiry at Hot Springs on October 4, 1935, reflected that</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED  <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <b>7-576-7592</b> <b>OCT 7 1935</b> <b>OCT 8 1935</b> <b>OCT 10 A.M.</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE	
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Richard Galatas had departed for Kansas City, Missouri, earlier that morning, and that he will not depart from Kansas City earlier than October 7, 1935.

Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers stated Galatas is in Kansas City with reference to the appeal of his conviction there this year. Akers stated that while he does not know the name of the hotel where Galatas is staying in Kansas City, it is a small hotel around the corner from the Muelebach Hotel.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY office will contact Richard Galatas and interview him along the lines suggested in the report of Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, Detroit, Michigan, dated May 15, 1935. The file in this office indicates the Kansas City office has copies of this report.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 5  
1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained  
in a letter from the Bureau dated October 3, 1935, there is  
inclosed herewith a photograph of Subject Cassius McDonald,  
Detroit Police Department #50,000. This picture was taken  
on September 27, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

LCR:EA  
Inclosure  
cc - Cincinnati

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Sirs:

I have noticed on two occasions a very suspicious looking GIRL? in the Government Clubhouse at ANCON in the CANAL ZONE.

First time, I should say was about the 20th of september and then about two days later.

The description and pictures given in a Detective Magazine which was left in my car, and which I casually read ( Probably the first time I have ever read one of these magazines) seem to have set me thinking several times about this person, and the more I think of it the more certain it seems that there was something fishy about the makeup.

There was something very artificial about the hair and the combination of hair and hat, and a decided tan which looked more like a coloring matter such as chestnut having been applied.

The hair was like a henna-brown, lacking the life of living hair in looks, and the person wore gloves both times-- made no attempt to look at men or act as an ordinary female would in observing whether or not someone was admiring her, and somehow lacked the feminine mannerisms in eating a sandwich, drinking from a cup, and eating ice cream.

The person looked so unreal that I thought it was something carved out of wood --- very statue like, and a distinctly forceful walk, rather slow steps and well directed.

The muscle of the forearm showed distinctly masculine lines through the light material of the sleeves.

The fit of the small hat was so exact that it looked odd.

The neck of the dress was unusually close fitting deceiving any effort to make observations of chest or shoulders.

It occurs to me now that it might have been Alvin Karpis.

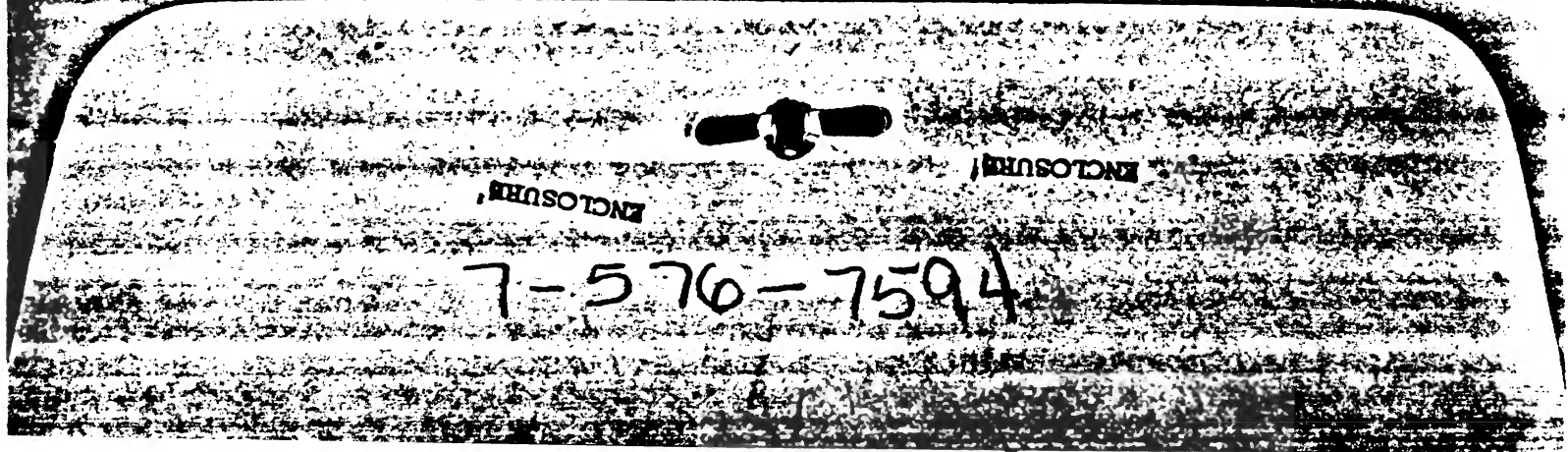
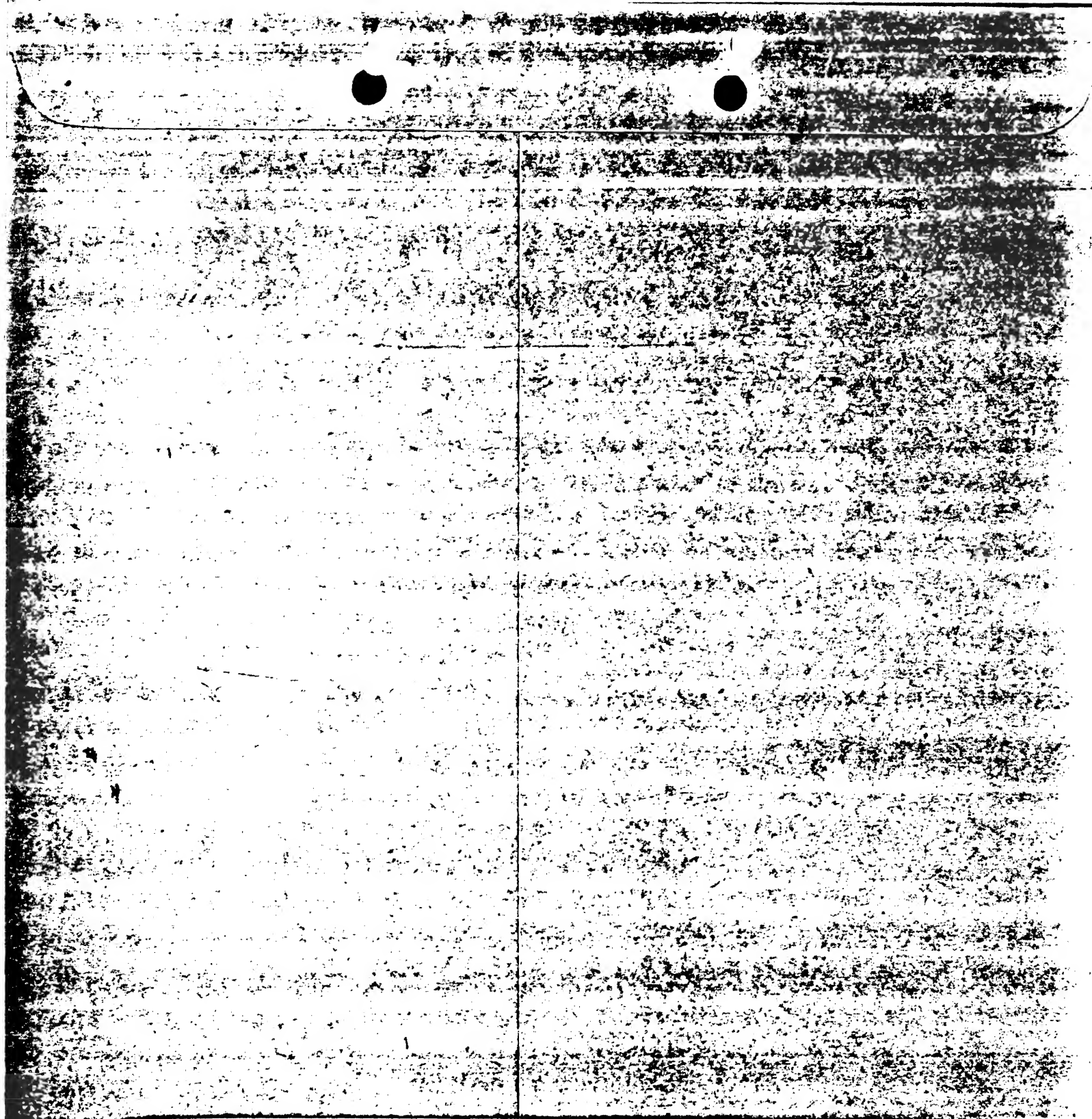
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October 23, 1935

Mr. A. A. Kopf,  
Ancon,  
Canal Zone.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 1, 1935, in which you advise that on two occasions you have observed a person in the Government Clubhouse at Ancon in the Canal Zone, which person appears to be a woman but whom you believe to be a man, who might possibly be identical with Alvin Karpis.

I appreciate the courtesy of your letter, and I am transmitting herewith one copy of the Identification Order which was issued on Alvin Karpis by this Bureau. I am also transmitting herewith an Identification Order issued on Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., who is a fugitive in the Stoll kidnaping case and who is likewise reported to appear in women's garb from time to time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure No. 285515

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*c KRM E. J. York*



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Edwards	_____	( )
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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E. A. Tamm - 5107.

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October 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California,

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim of  
KIDNAPING.

The Bureau has had occasion to review pertinent serials in the file of the above entitled case. As a result of this review your attention is being directed to your very apparent failure to properly supervise and investigate the above entitled case, which is considered one of the most important ever handled by the Bureau.

Your attention is first directed to the report of Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 8, 1935, in which an undeveloped lead is set out for the Los Angeles Office to make appropriate investigation in the vicinity of Flagstaff, Arizona, to determine whether Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis had been in that vicinity. The Bureau fails to observe that this lead has been covered.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent G. B. Dewey, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, March 15, 1935, in which a lead is set out for the Los Angeles Office to interview one M. R. Cohen, 1822 E Street, San Diego, California, to determine whether Sawyer was at that time in contact with Cohen. The report shows that Sawyer visited Cohen two or three years prior to the rendition of said report, and that in the fall of 1934 Cohen was located by Bureau Agents on Harry Sawyer's farm near St. Paul, Minnesota. At the time this lead was set out it was considered by the Omaha Office to be a good, substantial lead, but it appears no attention was given it by your office at a time when every effort was being made by the Bureau to locate and apprehend Sawyer.

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The review of the Bureau files discloses that several leads were set out for the Los Angeles Office, during the spring of 1935, with regard to the location and apprehension of Harry Sawyer, Charles Fitzgerald, Belle Borne, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William J. Harrison. It appears that these leads were uniformly disregarded and that the Los Angeles Office made no effort to assign an individual Agent to the Bremer case so that leads coming into the Los Angeles Office could be correlated and proper comparisons made in connection with the information furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

The files disclose that the Los Angeles Office was furnished with very definite information as to the names and locations of relatives of William J. Harrison. The report of Special Agent C. B. White, dated at Los Angeles, California, March 18, 1935, discloses that several of the relatives of Harrison were interviewed, and also shows that in October, 1934, Harrison visited a relative, Mary Dick, and her father, William Dick, at 300 North Wall Drive, Beverly Hills, California. The report reads as follows: "Mary Dick and her father will, of course, be interviewed in the immediate future." The files of the Bureau fail to disclose that any interview was conducted with Mary Dick or her father, William Dick. It appears also that those relatives who were interviewed by the Los Angeles Office were very willing to cooperate, but the file fails to disclose that any subsequent effort was made to contact these individuals for pertinent information regarding William J. Harrison.

The report of Agent White referred to discloses that Harrison entertained some fondness for Mary Dick, and subsequent reports emanating from the Chicago Office have disclosed that William J. Harrison secured the advice of Clara Gibson, the wife of Russell Gibson, deceased, as to certain feminine gifts to be sent to Mary Dick. At the time this investigation was to have been conducted this was considered a very important lead, but it did not receive appropriate attention.

The report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, March 14, 1935, disclosed that the Bureau considers to have been very valuable information to the effect that [REDACTED] b7c b7d

[REDACTED] very definite information has been furnished the Los Angeles Office in the above report of Agent Hall



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and also in a letter of the Detroit Office to the Dallas Office, dated March 16, 1935, a copy of which letter was sent to the Los Angeles Office, disclosing that a Mr. and Mrs. George James had been told by Fitzgerald and his wife, Belle Borne, that they (Fitzgerald and his wife) intended to go to California. The report of Agent C. D. White, dated at Los Angeles, March 18, 1935, on pages 5 and 6, discloses that a very cursory investigation was made at 8647 Sabina Street, Los Angeles, after it had been rather definitely shown that Belle Borne had contact with some person at that address. The investigation of Agent White having produced negative results, no further investigation was undertaken by that Agent to determine the identity of the families living at the above mentioned address or the possibility that one of those families might have been a contact for Belle Borne or C. J. Fitzgerald.

The attention of the Los Angeles Office was directed to William Dick, 300 North Wall Drive, Beverly Hills, California, by the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, St. Louis, Missouri, dated February 2, 1935, in which report the Los Angeles Office was also requested to make an investigation at the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company with regard to William J. Harrison. The report from the Los Angeles Office fails to show that any attention was given this matter.

The files disclose that, Agent C. D. White having failed to obtain any information of value at 8647 Sabina Street, Los Angeles, Special Agent R. J. Gechan ascertained at that address that Belle Borne had, in fact, visited with the George McKenzie family there during the month of October or November, 1934. The information obtained by Agent Gechan is set out in the report of that Agent dated at Los Angeles, California, April 8, 1935. The report shows that George McKenzie, an employee of the Union Pacific Railway Company, had then been transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada. In view of the fact that Belle Borne and undoubtedly C. J. Fitzgerald had visited the McKenzie family, it would appear that George McKenzie would be a likely contact for either Borne or Fitzgerald. The report, however, discloses that no copy of said report was furnished to the Salt Lake City Office, nor was any undeveloped lead set out for that office to conduct pertinent investigation with regard to George McKenzie at Las Vegas, Nevada.

The report of Agent Goshen discloses also that Mrs. McKenna was temporarily living at 207 East 21st Street, Los Angeles, with her married son. The reports of the Los Angeles Office, however, fail to disclose that any investigation was conducted in an effort to learn whether Fitzgerald or Lorne could be contacting the McKenna family through the address 207 East 21st Street.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Lee P. Malone, dated at New York City, April 17, 1935, in which the Los Angeles Office was requested to contact the E. H. Lysa Company, Los Angeles, California, to learn the disposition made of a .32 caliber Colt automatic pistol, serial #404724. The files fail to disclose that any report was ever submitted on this lead by the Los Angeles Office.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. E. Gore, Denver, Colorado, dated April 16, 1935, in which the Los Angeles Office was requested to interview Miss Virginia Lays Stagg, Evangelina Hotel, 1006 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, with regard to the location of Volney Davis. This investigation was apparently given no attention.

Your attention is directed to the letter of the Little Rock Office to the Los Angeles Office, dated April 17, 1935, requesting the Los Angeles Office to interview Alfay Smith at the Arizona State Industrial School for Women, with regard to the location of William Weaver. The Bureau files fail to disclose that this request was given any attention.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. D. White, dated at Los Angeles, California, April 20, 1935. This report discloses valuable information with regard to the location of Harry Campbell's brother, C. C. (Ciell) Campbell, but the report discloses a very meager investigation with regard to efforts to learn anything about the location of Harry Campbell through his brother, Ciell. The report also shows that the wife of Ciell Campbell was very willing to assist the Bureau, even to the extent of furnishing photographs of Harry Campbell. The files fail to disclose that this matter was further pursued or that any further attempt was made to secure information from these persons.

This report also discloses that in selling his Buick Club Sedan, Charles Fitzgerald gave as a reference Mrs. J. F. Hilborn, 2416 Micheltorena Street, Los Angeles, California. The file reflects

that upon interview under pretext Mrs. Milhaus disclaimed any knowledge of Fitzgerald, alias S. J. Murphy. This matter was immediately dropped after Mrs. Milhaus had been interviewed under pretext. No further efforts were made by the Los Angeles Office to determine whether Mrs. Milhaus was a possible contact for either C. J. Fitzgerald or Belle Borne.

The report of Agent White further discloses that Fitzgerald resided at the Campbell apartment hotel in Long Beach, California, and upon departing from said hotel advised that he was going to Gilman Hot Springs, California, for his health. The Bureau files fail to disclose that any inquiry was made at Gilman Hot Springs, California in an effort to locate C. J. Fitzgerald or Belle Borne.

The said report of Agent White again announces the fact that Mr. George McKensie had been transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada. In spite of the information to the effect that the McKensie family had been a contact for Belle Borne, the Los Angeles Office failed to designate a copy of the report of Agent White, dated at Los Angeles, California, April 20, 1935, for the Salt Lake City Office, nor were any undeveloped leads set out to conduct proper investigation at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent R. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 22, 1935, in which an undeveloped lead was set out for the Los Angeles Office to ascertain the identity and address of the telephone subscriber at Wyoming 7160. A request was also made to make inquiry of the officials of the Biltmore Hotel concerning Frank Foster's call from Miami Beach, Florida to said hotel on March 7, 1935. This investigation was requested primarily to determine the whereabouts of Harry Foster. The Bureau files fail to disclose that this lead received any attention.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, dated at San Francisco, California, April 18, 1935, wherein the Los Angeles Office was requested to contact the police at Visalia, California and obtain a photograph, description and criminal record of W. J. Smith. It appears that this inquiry received no attention.

Your attention is finally directed to the letter of the Portland Office to the Los Angeles Office, dated May 3, 1935, in which the Los Angeles Office was requested to conduct an investigation at

190 South Temple Avenue, Temple City, California, for the purpose of determining the identity of George A. Nelson, who was believed to be identical with Harry Campbell. The Bureau fails to observe that this lead was given any attention.

These matters have been called to your attention for the reason that they demonstrate a marked lack of interest in one of the Bureau's major cases. Matters of this nature should receive your personal attention and the Bureau feels that had this matter been properly supervised, you would have assigned an Agent to be personally responsible for the completion of outstanding leads. You are, therefore, instructed to immediately assign an Agent to this case, who will make an appropriate review and give immediate attention to all outstanding leads in your district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Phoenix  
Salt Lake City



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- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Chief Clerk .....
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- Mr. Schmitt .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

TELETYPE

*Edward L. Bremer*

F B I CHICAGO      10-5-35      10-20 AM      FC

DIRECTOR  
S A C KANSAS CITY  
PHONE. BREKID UNITED PRESS MAKE INQUIRY AS TO THE POSSIBLE  
APPREHENSION OF HARRY CAMPBELL AT NEOSHO MISSOURI TODAY.  
PLEASE ASCERTAIN FACTS AND ADVISE ME AND DIRECTOR

*eg* CONNELLEY

CC CINCINNATI  
CC ST PAUL  
END  
WASH DC    OK GLS  
KANSAS CITY  
HOLD PLS

*Copy to Mr. Tamm*

*jes.*

*RM.*  
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FBI ATLANTA 10-5-35 6-30 PM VMW

DIRECTOR  
WASHINGTON D C

*Edward H Bremer*  
PHONE. BREKID. PHOTOGRAPH OF WILLIAM E. MEADE EXHIBITED TO CLERKS AND BELL BOYS IN DESOTA AND SAVANNAH ~~HOTELS~~ HOTELS, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, BUT NO IDENTIFICATION MADE. THE O. R. MEADE REGISTERED DESOTA HOTEL, SEPTEMBER 26 APPARENTLY NOT IDENTICAL WITH WILLIAM E. MEADE. JOSEPH P. DOWLING AND E. M. LENTZ HAVE NOT ~~SEEN~~ SEEN MEADE SINCE AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA IN MARCH, <sup>1935</sup> ~~1934~~, WHERE MEADE WAS GOING UNDER NAME OF MILLER. NO DEFINITE INFORMATION AS TO MEADE OBTAINABLE. DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS.

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October 5, 1935.

Time - 11:11 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Re: Harry Campbell.

Colonel Gates telephoned and inquired about the truth of the report that Harry Campbell had been captured in Missouri. I stated there was no truth to this report and no comment should be made.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-5-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-1, 2-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. H. WILLIAMS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1218; ET AL; Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Investigation at Canton, Ohio, reveals that P. L. Minder is a contractor for the Muskingum Valley Project near Bolivar, Ohio, and that Lawrence Cain is employed by him. Reputation of both good. Alva R. Conner, Canton, interviewed, but no additional information obtained, though he indicated that Joe Rich, Edna Haney and Eddie Brennan, underworld characters, Canton, Ohio, if properly contacted, might be able to furnish some information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCES:</b> Bureau letter dated September 26, 1935; Teletype from Chicago office, dated Sept. 30, 1935.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> This investigation is predicated upon receipt of Bureau letter, dated 9-26-35, which enclosed a copy of a letter received from Mr. Alva R. Conner, a former police officer of Canton, Ohio. This letter requested that the Cleveland office locate the house which Mr. Conner spoke of in his letter and ascertain the identity of the parties living there and to interview Mr. Conner in this matter.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 2 - Cincinnati 2 - St. Paul 2 - Chicago 1 - E.J. Connelley-Chicago 2 - Cleveland		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
		<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7 1576-7549</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">OCT 7 1935</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">OCT -9 1935</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">OCT 7 - A.M.</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">ONE REPORT - A.M.</div>	

The letter of Mr. Conner pointed out some suspicious activity at a house located at 25th Street, Northwest, in Canton, Ohio, and the letter furnished the numbers of two automobiles seen in that vicinity, namely: 79-736 and 66-072, both 1935 Illinois licenses.

At about the time the Bureau letter was received the Cleveland office received a teletype from the Chicago office, which reflected that an investigation had been made, which revealed that the license 79-736 belonged to a Plymouth issued to Lawrence Cain, 6320 Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, and the license 66-072 was issued on a Buick coupe, belonging to the Minder Construction Company, employed on a dam project at Bolivar, O. It advised that both men are of good repute and that Cain lives at 1203 Ridge Road, Canton, and P. L. Minder resides at 132 25th Street, NW, Canton.

#### AT CANTON, OHIO

It was deemed advisable to conduct further investigation in Canton, and the writer interviewed Mr. L. R. Lamell, assistant superintendent, US Post Office, who advised that it would be better for him to talk to the carriers for 1203 Ridge Rd and 132 25th Street, NW, so as not to arouse any suspicion. From this inquiry Mr. Lamell advised that Lawrence Cain was married and had one child and received considerable mail by same being forwarded from Chicago, Illinois. He further stated that Cain had been living at that address two or three months. Mr. Lamell stated that he obtained this information from Robert Evans, who carried mail on that route, and that Evans informed him that he had seen Cain several times and had talked to him and that he was favorably impressed by him. As for P. L. Minder, Mr. Lamell informed reporting agent that he was a married man and in charge of some of the construction of the Muskingum Valley project for the control of flood waters of the Ohio River and that he was presently employed at Bolivar, Ohio. Mr. Lamell advised that he received an immense amount of mail, mostly from Chicago, pertaining to his line of work. He advised that the carrier had reported that Mr. Minder appeared to be a high-type individual and a hustler.

Agent made several inquiries in the neighborhoods where these two individuals reside, which revealed that they were not known in the community except that they lived there, but that nothing out of the way had been observed by the neighbors.

Agent interviewed Mr. Alva R. Conner, State Hotel, who advised that the way his suspicions became directed to the house at 132 25th Street, NW, was a remark made by one Eddie Brennan, a former Canton bootlegger, to the effect that if he, Brennan, could see the persons staying there, he might be able to identify them. He advised that then he had begun to watch the house and had observed the cars parked around there all licensed from the state of Illinois and that there was little activity around the premises, except at night. He stated that it was the combination of all these circumstances which prompted him to write to the Bureau and furnish the information contained in his letter dated September 18, '35. When reporting agent informed him that the investigation elsewhere had revealed that these persons were of good repute and employed on the Muskingum Valley project, he remarked, "That settles it."

Mr. Conner furnished agent with the information that he knew that Karpis and others had a tie-up in Canton, but he was not able, as yet, to definitely state what it was. He advised that there were two persons who might furnish some information, one being Eddie Brennan, located at 7th and Mahoney Road, NE, Canton. Brennan is a former bootlegger. The other person indicated is one Joe Rich, who pimps for a woman by the name of Edna Haney, 422 Walnut Street, SE, Canton, Ohio. Mr. Conner advised that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd visited this address a day or two before he was killed at Wellsville, Ohio. Mr. Conner was of the opinion that any of the three persons just mentioned might furnish some clues as to the whereabouts of Karpis.

Mr. Conner indicated that it would be rather hard to contact these three persons, but that if successfully contacted might give valuable information. Whether steps should be undertaken to interview these parties is being left to the discretion of the office of origin, since this source of information might already have been contacted.

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TELETYPE

FBI KANSAN CITY 10-5-35 10-21 A M WAS  
 DIRECTOR AND SAC CHICAGO

PHONE DEPUTY SHERIFF BROCK AT NEOSHO MO. ADVISES THAT MAN ARRESTED IS  
 TOM CARPENTER WHO DOES NOT ANSWER DESCRIPTION OF CAMPBELL AN AGENT  
 FROM THIS OFFICE WILL CALL AT NEOSHO SOON TO CHECK FINGERPRINTS

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CC CINCINNATI

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

370 Lexington Avenue  
Room 1403  
October 7, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The expenditure of \$6.00 for boat hire on August 29, 1935, as is explained in the attached expense voucher for that period, was made in connection with the case entitled:

ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et.al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPPING  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

I was instructed on August 29, 1935, by direction of the Special Agent in Charge, to immediately interview Officer John O'Keefe of the New Britain, Connecticut, Police Department, who is brother-in-law of Thomas O'Dell, to learn from Officer O'Keefe the whereabouts of O'Dell, who was thought to be in contact with William Meade, one of the subjects in the above entitled case.

Detective Lieutenant Wm. P. McCue of the New Britain Police Department advised that Officer O'Keefe was at that time on his vacation at a resort called "Point of Woods" in South Lyme Township. Lt. McCue detailed Detective Sergeant George Ellinger to accompany Agent to locate and interview Officer O'Keefe. It was found upon arrival at the resort that O'Keefe was fishing in a small boat out in Long Island Sound, and would not return to shore at any time that day. Because of the urgency of the matter the boat was hired as is fully set out in the expense voucher, and Officer O'Keefe was located and interviewed.

Very truly yours,

*W. H. Binns*  
W. H. Binns,  
Special Agent.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 5, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

This is to advise that the surveillance of Belle Born, Mankato, Minnesota, has been constantly maintained since August 12, 1935 and no material developments have occurred, although the identities of the contacts and associates of Belle Born in the vicinity of Mankato have been learned by the Agents on the assignment.

I am advised by Special Agent R. C. Suran that in addition to spending a great deal of time in the company of one Joe Jung, who operates a tavern known as the Travelers Inn in North Mankato, Minnesota, Belle has also been visited by one Jim Page, a local hoodlum, and former associate of Thomas Carroll. An automobile registered in the name of John Lamina, Mankato, Minnesota, has also been observed at the home of Belle Born. Lamina is reported to be a bootlegger.

You have been previously advised of the arrangements in effect at Mankato for covering the activities at Mankato, Minnesota, but I am advised that Belle Born spends a great deal of her time at her farm, located near St. Peter, Minnesota, and that surveillance at that place has been difficult and no attempt has been made to maintain a constant surveillance at the farm due to the fear that Agents stationed in the vicinity of the farm would cause Belle to become suspicious that she was being watched.

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On September 24, 1935 an auction sale was held at the farm of Belle Born and all of the personal property at that place was sold. This farm is occupied by Ole R. Anderson, the brother of Belle Born, and from the conversations overheard

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Anderson was not successful in the operation of the farm, and Belle Born is planning to start him in another business, and until the time that Anderson vacates the place in favor of the individual to whom the farm is now rented, it is expected that Belle will continue to visit there frequently. The identity of the new tenant has not been learned.

The surveillance will be continued and you will be promptly advised of any material developments.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HRA:ACF

cc SAC E.J. Connelley, Chicago  
cc Cincinnati

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

which are hereby agreed to  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA  
OCTOBER 4, 1935

D L NICHOLSON  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
907 FEDERAL BUILDING  
DETROIT MICHIGAN

BREKID USA STPAUL ADVISES USA DETROIT DESIRES PRESENCE AGENTS S F McKEE AND J E  
HANSON OCTOBER EIGHTH TO TESTIFY IN REMOVAL HEARING CASSIUS McDONALD DETERMINE  
WHETHER THESE AGENTS NECESSARY WITNESSES AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPEARANCE THERE

ANDERSEN

Official Business. Government Rate  
Chg. Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.  
HEA: ACF  
cc Bureau  
cc E.J. Connelley, Chicago  
cc Cincinnati  
cc New York

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*Edward J. Connelley*

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Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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Detroit, Michigan  
October 5, 1935

Mr. R. Whitley, Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1405  
New York, N. Y.

BREKID REMOVAL HEARING CASSIUS McDONALD POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER FOURTEENTH

ASAC HANSON NOT NECESSARY UNTIL THAT DATE

NICHOLSON

DLN:bas  
1:50 P.M.  
cc - Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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*Edward H. Bremer*

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 5, 1935.

Fred Zerkat, Warden  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: E. H. Eckholdt

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated  
September 27, 1935, transmitting copy of a letter received by  
Elmer Farmer, register number 47103 from Helen Conliff.

Assuring you that your cooperation in this and other  
matters is appreciated, I am

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

AJH:os

cc - Bureau

In re: <sup>0</sup> Alvin Karpis, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING, etcetera.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 5, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218: et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith  
a letter addressed to Dolores Delaney, an  
inmate of your institution, from Mr.  
John Karpavics.

The contents of this letter has  
been carefully scrutinized and appears to  
contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest  
and cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

AAM:RES  
Enc.  
cc-Bureau ✓

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 612  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with  
aliases, I.O. 1234; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1238 et al - Edward George  
Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBOR-  
ING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your teletype of October 2, 1935,  
indicating that Joseph Peter Dowling had registered at the DeSoto Hotel  
in Savannah, and Lantz had registered at the Savannah Hotel as Jack  
Lantz, and indicating that possibly these parties would return on  
Friday October 4, 1935; also indicating that one Meade and Mrs. Meade  
had registered at the DeSoto Hotel September 24 to 26, 1935, and that  
inquiry was being made to determine whether or not this party was  
William E. Meade and further requesting advice as to what action should  
be taken as to Lantz and Dowling.

As indicated in my teletype of October 2, 1935, there  
is nothing in the file to indicate that either Dowling or Lantz are  
wanted on a Federal charge, and we can find nothing to indicate that  
any of the State authorities wish to take custody of these individuals.  
As is indicated by the file the inquiry was being developed for the  
purpose of locating and causing the apprehension of William E. Meade.  
It is noted in a notation to my teletype of October 2nd that Dowling  
and a man believed to be William E. Meade are now registered at the  
hotel in Savannah and it is believed that my teletype of this date ad-  
vises insofar as we are able to advise you, what action should be taken  
in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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CC Bureau CC Boston  
CC Jacksonv. CC Charlotte  
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October 5, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau wishes to be furnished with a transcript of  
the testimony of JOE ADAMS before the Federal Grand Jury,  
St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 26, 1935.

In the event the United States Attorney at St. Paul,  
Minnesota considers the possible testimony of Adams of consider-  
able value in the forthcoming trial in St. Paul, it is suggested  
that arrangements may be made by the United States Attorney,  
through the Department, to delay the trial of Adams and others  
in Florida until after Adams has testified in the forthcoming  
trial in St. Paul. The Bureau desires that you consider this  
matter with the United States Attorney and advise the Bureau as  
to his attitude in the near future.

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You are instructed to immediately assign an Agent to the  
task of preparing a summary report on WILLIAM REAVER. This  
report should be completed so that it will be available to the  
Bureau within the very near future.

Very truly yours,

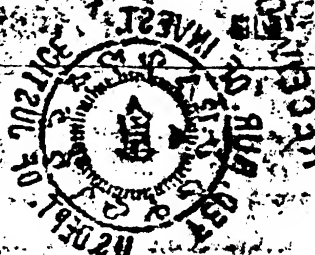
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
cc-Chicago (E.J. Connelley)  
Cincinnati

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
October 5, 1935

KRM:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

At approximately 3:50 P.M. on October 4, 1935, I called Mr. Alt of the Jacksonville Office by telephone, at which time he advised that he did not know whether I would be a necessary witness before the Grand Jury at Orlando, Florida, which is expected to meet on October 7, 1935, but that he would ascertain this definitely from the United States Attorney and advise the Bureau accordingly.

On October 5, 1935 at approximately 10:25 A.M. I had occasion to talk with Mr. Alt again on another matter, at which time he advised that the United States Attorney had stated that I would not be a necessary witness before the Grand Jury. Mr. Alt advised that he had so informed the Bureau by telegram.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire.*

K. R. McIntire.

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PHONE. DETROIT OFFICE ADVISES ASST SAC HANSON NECESSARY WITNESS  
DETROIT OCTOBER 8 IN CONNECTION WITH REMOVAL CASSIUS \*MCDONALD IN  
BREKID CASE. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY ASST SAC HANSON WILL  
REPORT WASHINGTON FOR RETRAINING SCHOOL ON MONDAY OCTOBER 7 AND  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 1, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
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Mr. Schull .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Mr. E. J. Connelley and several Special Agents are continuing their efforts in the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio so that a contact may be made between [redacted] and Edith Barry.

Numerous Agents have been returned to their respective headquarters, in view of the fact that it appears to be a matter of "waiting".

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 26, 1935, in which further information is disclosed as being furnished by Volney Davis. Davis has advised that the following persons participated in the mail robbery in Chicago, Illinois on the night of December 22, 1935, when Miles Cunningham, police officer, was killed during an attempted mail robbery:

Bryan Bolton  
"Doc" Barker  
George Zeigler

Fred Stone  
Alvin Karpis and  
Harry Sawyer

It is felt that this information is substantially accurate. You will recall that Irene Dorsey, the paramour of George Zeigler, informed Agents of the Chicago Office that Zeigler participated in this robbery and advised her on the morning thereafter that the robbery had not netted the participants any profits. This, of course, is correct.

Davis also advised that the split in the Bremer ransom money was to be made as follows; \$20,000, less expenses, to be given to each of the following persons:

Bryan Bolton  
"Doc" Barker  
Fred Barker  
Alvin Karpis  
William Weaver

Harry Campbell  
Harry Sawyer  
Tom Brown  
Fred Goetz (Zeigler) and  
Charles Fitzgerald

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Davis advised that he received approximately \$5,000 and a new Ford car for his share in ransom money and that his part in the abduction was merely taking care of the women. He further stated that Tom Brown received none of his share, in view of the fact that the gang felt he was responsible for the death of Homer Van Meter. Tom Brown is reported to have been taken into the confidence of the gang in this case because of the fact that he, Brown, was well acquainted with the activities at the Bremer home and in the St. Paul Police Department after the kidnaping and that he was able to furnish information to the gang so that safe contacts could be made in delivering the ransom letters and obtaining the ransom money. It is felt that this information is substantially accurate, because you will recall that Volney Davis remained in St. Paul during the abduction. He has admitted to Agents that he personally delivered a ransom note to Father Deer and that it was he, and not Alvin Karpis, who purchased the flashlights through Mrs. Humphrey at the F. & W. Grand Silver Store in St. Paul on or about January 29, 1934. In consequence of Davis' activities with regard to the ransom letters, it is felt that he has proper knowledge of the part which Tom Brown was to play and it is felt that Tom Brown undoubtedly suggested to Davis and others of the Karpis-Barker gang the persons to whom ransom letters should be directed.

The above mentioned report also discloses that the Kansas City Office has developed two informants, namely, [redacted] and Gus Hart. Both of these individuals have informed that Harry Campbell has been in Joplin, Missouri during the past month or two. [redacted] is supposed to have an informant who is personally acquainted with Karpis, who is reported to have seen Karpis in Joplin, Missouri. Hart claims he is personally known to Harry Campbell and that he and Harry Campbell were to rob the Empire Light Company Building of Joplin, Missouri on July 20, 1935, but that he, Hart, was apprehended, for which reason the robbery was frustrated. Both Hart and [redacted] have informed that Karpis and Campbell have split-up. This is in keeping with prior information received by the Bureau from the Oklahoma City Office.

Letters are being directed to the various interested offices to make every effort to develop the information which is contained in the above referred to report.

Respectfully,

*K.R. McIntire*

K.R. McIntire

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: <sup>0</sup> Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George  
Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

There have been no developments in this case for the week ending October 5, 1935. Several Agents are maintaining surveillance in Toledo, Ohio, in the event anything of importance develops.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*  
K. R. McIntire.

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Post Office Box 815  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 5, 1935

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Hon. George F. Sullivan  
United States Attorney  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your letter  
under date of October 2, 1935 requesting that arrange-  
ments be made so that Special Agents S. F. McKee and  
J. H. Hanson will report at Detroit, Michigan, on  
October 8, 1935 to testify in the removal hearing of  
Cassius McDonald.

Please be advised that I have  
made proper arrangements to have the above named  
Agents present in Detroit on the date indicated above.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau ✓

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 8, 1935

7-30

Hon. George F. Sullivan  
United States Attorney  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your letter  
under date of October 2, 1935 requesting immediate  
investigation of certain angles in this case.

You are advised that the investigation requested will be made immediately.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACF

cc Bureau ✓

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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October 5, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE  
Edw. S.

In keeping with your oral request, and on October 4, 1935 at about 4:50 P.M., I telephonically communicated with Special Agent Emerich at Atlanta, Georgia to ascertain what progress was being made in the investigation at Savannah, Georgia in an effort to locate William Elmer Meade.

Preliminary to this, it should be stated that information was obtained by the Boston Office to the effect that Mr. G. Arthur Hastings, of Arlington, Massachusetts, on March 27 and 28, 1935, was vacationing in Charleston, South Carolina, at which time an attempt was made to ~~smile~~ <sup>smile</sup> him by Lentz, Dowling and Fuller. Fuller has been positively identified as William Elmer Meade by Mr. Hastings. Hastings advised that it was his recollection that Dowling was arrested on March 28, 1935 by the Charleston Police Department on a charge of investigation. A lead was, accordingly, set out by the Boston Office for the Atlanta Office to secure information concerning Lentz and Dowling, in the hope of locating William Elmer Meade. The Charlotte Office learned through the Charleston Police Department that Dowling was arrested on March 28, 1935 on a charge of investigation, but was later released. The Police Department at Charleston reported him to be a card sharp. It was also ascertained that Dowling was friendly with one Laura May Jones, 1231 East 31st Street, Savannah, Georgia. Accordingly, a lead was set out by the Charlotte Office for the Atlanta Office to conduct investigation relative to Laura May Jones in Savannah, Georgia.

Agent Emerich advised that he has an Agent presently working on this matter in Savannah, Georgia, but that a report has not been received from this Agent and his, Emerich's, only information on the subject is as a result of telephone calls from said Agent. It has been ascertained that Lentz and Joseph Peter Dowling were recently registered at the Savannah Hotel and that one Meade was registered at the DeSoto Hotel in Savannah, Georgia; that Meade was registered with a woman who gave her name as Mead; that Meade remained only on the night of September 26th and then departed, but that the woman did not leave until September 28th, the destination of these persons being unknown.

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Lentz and Dowling have both been interviewed, but each of them disclaims any knowledge of Meade. They state they know no such person. Mr. Emerich was unable to advise whether the photograph of William Elmer Meade had yet been identified at the DeSoto Hotel, but he stated this investigation will go forward and the Bureau will be notified immediately of any developments.

Mr. Emerich advised that one Kiely operates what is known as the Bo-Peep, a gambling dive at Savannah, Georgia, and that Kiely is friendly with Lentz and Dowling. He wanted to know whether an investigation should be made of Kiely and the Bo-Peep at this time, and I advised him that this should not be done until more definite and specific information was obtained with regard to Meade, at which time such an investigation might prove desirable.

Mr. Emerich advised that an Agent of the Atlanta Office had observed a person in the DeSoto Hotel who somewhat resembled the photograph of Meade, but that a more extensive investigation and interview with this person proved him not to be identical with Meade.

This investigation is going forward at Savannah, Georgia and the Bureau will be advised immediately of any developments in connection therewith.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

US DEPT OF JUSTICE PENN AVE AT NINTH ST NORTHWEST

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PHONE. BREKID. AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO EXPEND \$32.00 FOUR WEEKS

RENT APARTMENT FOR SURVEILLANCE AND CONTACT INFORMANT

WHERE RADIPHONE INSTALLED.

AGENT V. W. GILLEN ENGAGED ABOVE SURVEILLANCE 24 HOURS UNDER TRANSFER ORDERS BUT DUE AGENTS TIED UP ON WEYNAP SUGGEST HE BE RETAINED CHICAGO ABOUT TEN DAYS MORE.

AGENT

S. K. MC KEE PROCEEDED TOLEDO TONIGHT TO SUPERVISE ACTIVITY THERE INASMUCH AS AGENTS SULLIVAN AND MADALA LAVE FOR ORLANDO, FLORIDA AND LOUISVILLE RESPECTIVELY TOMORROW. MC KEE WILL REGISTER HILLCREST HOTEL HIS CORRECT NAME.

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PHONE DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. AGENT D. P. SULLIVAN AT TOLEDO WILL ARRANGE FOR  
APPEARANCE ORLANDO, FLORIDA SEVENTH INSTANT. JACKSONVILLE ADVISED.

MILWAUKEE INDICATES AGENT A.P. BARBER ALSO ENGAGED TOLEDO. INSTRUCTED  
TO REPORT RETRAINING BUREAU OCTOBER 7, 1935.

AGENT J.L. MADALA ALSO ENGAGED TOLEDO. REQUIRED AT LOUISVILLE  
TRIAL STOLNAP CASE OCTOBER 6, 1935. ALSO MYSELF. HAVE AGENTS BARBER,  
SMITH, MUZZEY, DEVEREUX, AT TOLEDO COVERING EDITH BARRYS PREMISES  
AND OTHERWISE.

PLEASE ADVISE IF AGENT BARBER CAN BE RETAINED FOR PRESENT ON THIS  
ASSIGNMENT.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

E. J. CONNELLEY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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AGENT BARBER MAY BE RETAINED ON PRESENT ASSIGNMENT AND REREGARD

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED WASHINGTON FOR TRAINING SCHOOL MONDAY.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Chicago Office to your office, dated October 6, 1935, in which it is noted that a person giving his surname as Hopper, telephonically communicated with the Chicago Office on the evening of October 5, 1935, inquiring whether this Bureau was interested in the location of "Blackie" Doyle, Clarence Sparger, "Spike" Lane, John Lannigan, John Baker and "Irish" O'Malley. It is further noted he suggested to the Chicago Office that Clarence Sparger and "Spike" Lane were to contact Elsie Bennett in Room 222 at the Oakley Hotel, 8th and Oak Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, on the night of October 5, 1935.

It is, of course, not known to the Bureau whether the information furnished by Hopper is accurate, but under the circumstances it is desired that the Kansas City Office make a very thorough and discreet investigation with regard to Elsie Bennett, in an effort to secure further information with regard to the above mentioned persons.

It is noted that the offices receiving a copy of this letter did not receive a copy of the letter of the Chicago Office dated October 6, 1935, referred to above. For this reason, a copy of said letter is being furnished each of the offices receiving a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Cincinnati (with copy of incoming letter)  
St. Paul  
Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~Division of Investigation~~

U. S. Department of Justice

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
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Reference is made to the last paragraph of Bureau letter dated October 4, 1935, in the above entitled case, which requests that the interview with Edna Murray at the Missouri State Penitentiary be expedited.

In connection with this matter, please be advised that upon receipt of the letter from Edna Murray addressed to Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, I endeavored to talk to Special Agent in Charge Connelley by telephone and was advised by Special Agent in Charge Ladd that Mr. Connelley at that time could not be reached. I gave to Mr. Ladd the substance of Edna Murray's letter and he stated he would communicate with Mr. Connelley with reference to this matter.

On September 21, 1935, Mr. Ladd telephoned from Chicago and stated that Mr. Connelley suggested that this matter be held in abeyance until such time as Special Agent John Madala would be released from an assignment on which he was then engaged and would come to Jefferson City to interview Edna Murray. Consequently, no steps have been taken by this office to have her interviewed pending further advice from Mr. Connelley. It is requested that this office be advised whether Edna Murray should be interviewed by an Agent from here or whether Agent Madala will be sent to Jefferson City for that purpose.

It is to be noted that at the present time Special Agent A. J. Norstrom is in re-training school at Washington, D.C., but in the event it is desired that this interview be conducted by this office Special Agent A. E. Farland can be sent there for that

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purpose as he has previously interviewed Edna Murray and she has indicated that she will talk freely to him.

Very truly yours,



W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
cc - Cincinnati  
cc - St. Paul

POST OFFICE BOX 818  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 1, 1935,  
addressed to you and particularly the last paragraph thereof, in which  
attention is called to the requested interview by EDNA MURRAY of herself  
at Jeffersonville, Missouri.

In this connection Agent J. L. Madala is today at  
Louisville, Kentucky as a witness in the Stoenap case and immediately upon  
his release as a witness he will proceed to Jeffersonville in order to  
interview this woman, together with Special Agent A. E. Morston, in  
view of the fact that Agent Madala is thoroughly familiar with the various  
situations regarding which we wish to obtain information from this woman,  
and as to which she is undoubtedly familiar with the details. Agent  
Madala will communicate through the Louisville office with you as to the  
date he expects to arrive at Jeffersonville, Missouri for this interview,  
which will probably be during the present week.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
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Special Agent in Charge.

CC Cincinnati  
CC St. Paul  
CC Louisville  
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Post Office Box 1887  
Charlotte, North Carolina

October 7, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.  
#1218, FUGITIVE, et al; Edward  
George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping;  
Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction  
of Justice; National Firearms Act.

Reference is made to your letter dated September  
27, 1935, requesting the present address of Mr. L. E. Gray in  
the prosecution of Cassius McDonald.

By long distance telephone Mr. J. H. Gray of  
Statesville, North Carolina, advised that Mr. L. E. Gray is now  
employed at the Hotel Carteret, New York City, New York. This  
information was furnished your office by telegram on September 30,  
1935.

Very truly yours,

G. H. LONDON,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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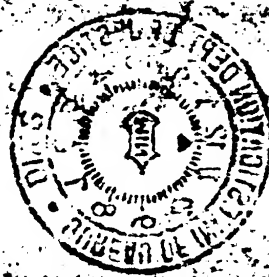
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 7, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 26, 1935 with which you forwarded to this office a letter received by you from John Karpavicz requesting permission to visit Dolores Delaney.

In connection with this request, it is believed that if arrangements can be made as suggested in your letter it would be very desirable.

It is accordingly requested that if such arrangements meet with your approval that Mr. Karpavicz be permitted to visit Dolores Delaney and this office informed of the date of the visit in sufficient time to make arrangements to cover this visit.

There is transmitted herewith the letter which you received from Mr. Karpavicz. Your interest and cooperation in connection with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DLN:RES  
Enc.  
cc-Bureau ✓

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Ed. George Bremer*

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Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you place a letter by mail, sent on all first class mail, including Special Delivery, registered letters, and also parcel post, postage addressed to Mills Born, Mr. J. J. Born, At. 1, Mrs. O. E. Born, At. 1, 111 W. 1st St., St. Paul, Minn., and also to Mrs. J. J. Born, At. 1, 111 W. 1st St., St. Paul, Minn.

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PHONE BREKID OHIO LICENSE 2630-B ISSUED TO JOINT OWNERS MYRTLE GROSS AND  
WALTER WALMSLEY ADDRESSES 717 MAYWOOD AND 528 SOUTHARD BOTH TOLEDO. NOT  
KNOWN WHICH ADDRESS IS FOR GROSS AND WHICH FOR WALMSLEY. THIS LICENSE  
ISSUED FOR 1933 TERRAPLANE COACH MOTOR 98645 SERIAL 414102.

LICENSE 8753-F ISSUED TO ELMER EKLIM 7610 CENTRAL TOLEDO FOR  
1927 PAIGE SEDAN MOTOR 330878 SERIAL 324934

CONNELLEY, HDE

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID THE SITUATION REMAINS THE SAME WITH NO DEVELOPMENTS.

WE ARE CONTINUING HERE AND AT TOLEDO. PLAN FURTHER WORK CHICAGO  
WHEN AGENTS AVAILABLE, AS TO JOHN KARPAVICZ, MRS KATE MEADE AND  
EDDIE DONOVAN

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October 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

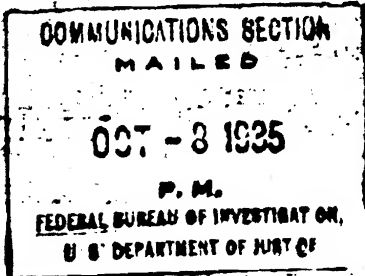
This will confirm the telephonic conversations between Mr. McIntire of the Bureau and Mr. Alt of the Jacksonville Office, on the afternoon of October 4 and on the morning of October 5, 1935, in which Mr. Alt advised Mr. McIntire that he would not be a necessary witness before the Grand Jury at Orlando, Florida, on October 7, 1935, in connection with the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

✓ CC St. Paul  
✓ Cincinnati  
✓ Mr. Connelley at Chicago



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515

Saint Paul, Minnesota

October 7, 1935

7-30

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 5, 1935, Bureau File No. 7-576, requesting this office to obtain and forward to the Bureau a transcript of the testimony of Joe Adams before the Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 26, 1935.

Please be advised that I have made arrangements with the United States Attorney in order that this office will be furnished with a copy, not only of the transcript of Joe Adams, but that of Bryan Bolton, Elmer Farmer, and Harold Alderton. Same are now in the process of preparation and will be available within the next day or two.

During a conference with United States Attorney George F. Sullivan in St. Paul today, in accordance with instructions in your letter heretofore mentioned, I requested him to consider the advisability of making arrangements with the Department to delay the trial of Adams and others in Florida until after Adams has testified in the trial of this case in St. Paul. Mr. Sullivan was perfectly in accord with the suggestion and is writing the Department relative thereto.

As instructed in Bureau letter of reference, I have assigned the task of preparing a summary report on William Weaver to Special Agent J. E. Brennan.

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While conversing with Mr. Sullivan today I mentioned that I had received copy of a wire from the Detroit Office addressed to the New York Office in this case concerning the postponement of the removal hearing of Cassius McDonald until October 14, 1935. Mr. Sullivan expressed himself as being greatly perturbed over this procedure, declaring that he was afraid political pressure would be brought to bear in Detroit with the view of delaying the removal of McDonald to St. Paul until after the forthcoming trial of this case in St. Paul. Mr. Sullivan is taking the matter up with the United States Attorney in Detroit, Michigan, and requested that I communicate with you in order that the Bureau may cooperate in every way possible in having Cassius McDonald removed to St. Paul promptly.

This is called to your attention with the thought in mind that you may desire to take the matter up with the Department.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACF

cc Cincinnati  
cc E.J. Connelley, Chicago

AIR MAIL

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

L.A. FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/5/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/27 &amp; 10/2/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ALBERT MILLER</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, ET AL; Edward George Bremer - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>E. N. GREEN</b> is one of the registered owners of 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F364961, 1935 California License #2T-9060, and resides at 315 Hilliard Street, Monterey Park, California. Mr. Green has been in the employ of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of United States in Los Angeles since 1927. Mr. Green does not resemble subject ALVIN KARPIS and is not said subject.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Portland Bureau office letter dated Portland, Oregon, September 25, 1935.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: Inquiry at Huntington Park, California, discloses there is no such street as Hillard.</p> <p>Inquiry at the Los Angeles branch office of the California Department of Motor Vehicles reveals that the registered owners of 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F364961, bearing 1935 California License #2T-9060, are E. N. Green and HARRIET M. GREEN, both of 7012 Arbutus Avenue, Huntington Park, California, and that the legal owner of the said motor vehicle is LESLIE R. LUMLEY, auto dealer located at 2563 Slauson Ave., Huntington Park, California.</p> <p>V. E. PRATT, sales manager of LESLIE R. LUMLEY, auto dealer, 2563 E. Slauson Ave., Huntington Park, California, when interviewed, after a check</p>			
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of the office records, informed that E. N. GREEN and HARRIET M. GREEN, purchased the above-described 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe on April 14, 1934, at which time they gave as their home address, 7012 Arbutus Ave., Huntington Park, California; that several months ago they gave as their new address, 315 Hilliard St., Monterey Pk., California; that at the time of the purchase of the said motor vehicle Mr. Green gave as his place of employment the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States with offices located at 111 West 7th St., Los Angeles, California. Mr. Pratt advised that both he and Mr. F. M. Downing, the salesman who negotiated the sale of the above-referred to motor vehicle, were acquainted with Mr. Green.

When shown photographs of subject ALVIN KARPIS, both Mr. Pratt and Mr. Downing informed definitely that E. N. GREEN does not bear any resemblance to the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS.

Mr. O. H. ENGBOM, cashier of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, located at 111 West 7th St., Los Angeles, California, when interviewed informed that E. N. GREEN is presently employed in his office as an assistant cashier for the above-referred to company and that he has been in the employ of the said company since 1927. Mr. Engbom introduced Mr. Green to this Agent and it was observed that Mr. Green does not resemble the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS nor does he answer to Karpis' description.

A description of E. N. GREEN, from information furnished by him and from observation, is as follows:

Name	E. N. GREEN
Age	31 (Born Dec. 15, 1903)
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Black, turning gray
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium - Clean-shaven
Marital Status	Married to Harriet M. Green
Residence	315 Hilliard, Monterey Pk., Calif.
Color	White
Nationality	American
Criminal record	None known

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re: informant of Scaffa claiming to have inf. re whereabouts of Karpis in Conn.

Mr. Keith states informant unable to reach taxi driver for further inf.; reports he does not believe anything to rumor he recd. from taxi driver; has recd. no substantial information. Mr. Keith states believes informant unreliable and obviously is after more expense money, which has been refused.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 19,  
1935, which instructed that Volney Davis be interviewed to ascer-  
tain whether he might be persuaded to testify in behalf of the  
Government in those trials which are to take place in St. Paul  
during November 1935.

In this connection, Special Agent A. E. Farland interviewed  
Volney Davis in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.  
Davis advised that he would not be willing to proceed to St. Paul,  
Minnesota for the purpose of testifying in this case. He stated  
that he would be unable to furnish any information that would aid  
in the prosecution of Harry Sawyer. He stated that while he was with  
Karpis, Barker and others after leaving St. Paul, he did not return  
to St. Paul and the only information he had was what he had heard  
from some of the other members of the gang.

It is noted that Davis has furnished valuable information  
with reference to this case in the past, but that such information  
has been furnished with the understanding that it would be kept  
confidential. It appears that he is fearful that if other members  
of the gang now incarcerated in Leavenworth should find out that he has  
furnished this information his life would be in danger, and, accordingly,  
he does not desire to testify inasmuch as the testimony would give  
publicity to the fact that he has furnished such information.

Very truly yours,

WAS:cs  
cc - Bureau  
cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
cc - Cincinnati

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
October 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request of Special Agent W. J. Devereux who is presently at Toledo, Ohio, there are being transmitted herewith to your office and a copy to Mr. Connelley at Louisville, Kentucky, copies of the memorandum of Special Agent Devereux dated September 27, 1935 which covers the investigation conducted by himself and Agent Ryan at Windsor, Ontario, Canada in connection with the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

DLN:RES  
cc-Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
SAC Connelley, Louisville

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

October 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1234; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. M.  
Williams, dated October 5, 1935, and particularly the last paragraph  
thereof, in which the proposition is placed upon the office of origin  
as to whether or not the three persons referred to should be interviewed.

As to the matter of handling the situation as to deter-  
mining whether or not Eddie Bremer, Joe Rich and Edna Haney might have  
information as to Alvin Karpis, or now harboring Karpis, it is believed  
that suitable inquiry should be made to determine who and what these  
people are, sufficiently to eliminate the possibility of them having any  
information, or at the present time being actually in contact with this  
party, and an interview of these parties is not believed advisable  
until some suitable inquiry has been made which would warrant interview-  
ing them. This should be followed very discreetly in view of very re-  
cent information indicating that Karpis and Campbell may now be in the  
vicinity of Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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CC Bureau  
CC Cincinnati  
CC St. Paul

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P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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October 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE ARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated October 7, 1935, in  
the above entitled case inquiring concerning two license plates.

Confirming teletype message from this office today, please  
be advised that it was ascertained through the Bureau of Motor  
Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio that 1935 Ohio License 2630-B was issued to  
joint owners Myrtle Gross and Walter Walmsley, their addresses are  
indicated as 717 Maywood and 528 Southard, Toledo, Ohio, but the ap-  
plication does not indicate which address is for Myrtle Gross and  
which address is for Walter Walmsley. This license was issued for  
a 1933 Terraplane Coach Motor No. 98645, serial 414102.

1935 Ohio License 8753-F was issued to Elmer Bleim, 7610  
Central, Toledo, Ohio for a 1927 Paige Sedan Motor 330878, serial  
324956.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles advises they have no record of  
any transfer on either of these license plates.

Very truly yours,

CC - Bureau

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E. J. CONNELLEY, Special Agent in Charge.	
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P. O. Box #84  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Oct. 6, 1935

Hon. Charles A. Barnett  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
Albany, N.Y.

Atty: James T. Somers,  
Deputy Commissioner  
FILES DIVISION

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. 1218; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; Harry Campbell,  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; William J.  
Harrison, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

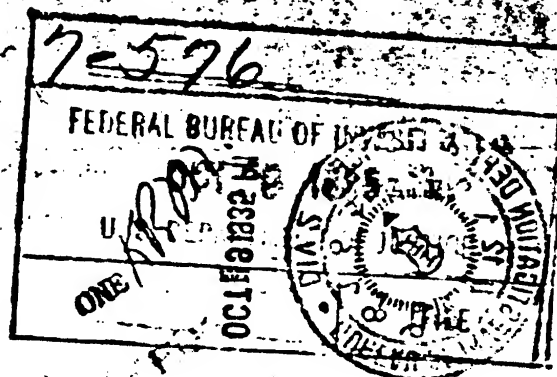
Dear Sir:

In that Subject William Weaver, alias J. A. Orhood,  
has been apprehended, stop notices in your files against his  
name may be withdrawn, and also stop notices in your Department of  
Stolen Vehicles on Chevrolet coupe, motor #4,135,380, purchased by  
said subject Weaver under the name of J. A. Orhood.

Very truly yours,

Per  
E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

PJC:MB  
cc: Bureau



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Alvin Karpis, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, et al.

Exhibit envelope, serial 354 of this file, contains a number of photographs which do not contain a description yet descriptions are available in the file. Your attention is directed to a letter received here on June 18 from J. J. Durkin, Ashland, Oregon, which was not acknowledged. Your attention is directed to a letter received here on June 29 from E. A. Johnson, Johnson Realty Co., which was not acknowledged.

I was not previously familiar with the requirement of placing description on photographs in the file. These instructions will be followed in the future. I was absent from the district at the time of receipt of the two unacknowledged letters referred to. I cannot claim failure to acknowledge same.

Inspection Portland Bureau Office  
Inspectors Egan and Whitley  
Sept. 20, 1935.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 7, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.  
1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,  
I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,  
I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases,  
I.O. 1238 et al - Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to letter of the Detroit office dated  
October 5, 1935, enclosing copy of a letter from John Karpavicz to  
Dolores Delaney in which they make reference to an automobile, this  
refers to the Ford automobile seized by the Cuban Police at Havana,  
Cuba, which Karpis left at that place, as recently Emily Newbold, the  
sister of Karpis called the office here for information as to how they  
would go about recovering this automobile.

They were given no encouragement as to this and it was  
indicated to them that they would have to communicate with the local  
authorities at Havana, Cuba.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati  
CC Detroit

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati.**

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10/7/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/25 to 10/3/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN E. BRENNAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1215; CASSIUS McDONALD, FUGITIVE, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

On 9/25/35 complaint filed before U. S. Commissioner Abbott, Minneapolis, Minnesota, charging CASSIUS McDONALD with conspiracy to violate provisions of kidnaping statute - specifically that he exchanged \$72,000 of original ransom money on 9/10/34. Warrant returned unexecuted. Certified copy of complaint and warrant forwarded to U. S. Attorney, Detroit. Bond \$100,000 returnable forthwith. On 9/27/35 Grand Jury St. Paul, filed indictment against KARPIS, ARTHUR BARKER, CAMPBELL, WEAVER, HARRISON, SAWYER, BOLTON, FARMER, ALLERTON, and CASSIUS McDONALD charging conspiracy between 9/15/33 and 1/15/35 to violate act forbidding interstate transportation of kidnaped persons. MYRTLE EATON not indicted. Certified copy forwarded U. S. Attorney, Detroit. Interviews with WEAVER and EATON set forth.

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated September 19, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

On September 25, 1935, upon authority of Assistant United States Attorney Halsey of St. Paul, a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner Abbott, Minneapolis, Minnesota, charging CASSIUS McDONALD with conspiracy to violate the provisions of the act prohibiting the transportation of kidnaped persons in interstate commerce, specifically that he exchanged \$72,000 of the original ransom money on September 10, 1934. A warrant was issued and returned unexecuted by the United States Marshal, whereupon a certified copy of the

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complaint and warrant were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Detroit by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, with the notation thereon that bond requested was \$100,000 returnable forthwith. This information was telephoned to the Detroit Office with the request that the apprehension of McDONALD be effected immediately.

On September 27, 1935, the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul returned an indictment against KARPIS, ARTHUR BARKER, CAMPBELL, WEAVER, HARRISON, SAWYER, BOLTON, FARMER, ALLDERTON, and CASSIUS McDONALD, charging conspiracy between 9/15/33 and 1/15/35 to violate the act forbidding interstate transportation of kidnaped persons. MYRTLE EATON who is being held at the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul was not included in this indictment. A certified copy of the indictment was forwarded to the United States Attorney at Detroit by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, in order to facilitate the removal of CASSIUS McDONALD to St. Paul, Minnesota.

The suggestions contained in the Bureau letter of reference were discussed with the United States Attorney at St. Paul prior to presenting the evidence to the Grand Jury and he stated that he would cause a transcript to be made of the testimony of BOLTON, FARMER, ALLDERTON, and ADAMS, as taken before the Grand Jury, and he did not believe it would be necessary to bring JESS DOYLE or EDNA MURRAY to St. Paul as Grand Jury witnesses, but stated that he would be glad to have them subpoenaed for the trial if it was found that they would testify for the Government. He further stated that he did not believe the testimony of MILDRED KUHLMAN would be of any material aid.

On September 27, 1935, Special Agent Sam McKee and J. E. Hanson who were in St. Paul as witnesses before the Grand Jury, accompanied Agent to the Ramsey County Jail where interview was had with WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON. In the course of conversation with MYRTLE EATON she stated that the first she knew that she and WEAVER were wanted for the BREMER kidnaping was when she read about it in the newspapers at the time of the trial of DOC BARKER and others in St. Paul; that she did not leave St. Paul to avoid prosecution on this charge.

WEAVER also denied knowledge of his indictment until he read about it in the newspapers at the time of the trial of BARKER and others, and stated that he had left St. Paul not to avoid prosecution but because of the fact that his parole from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary had been revoked, and he had a life sentence to serve in Oklahoma, and was afraid of being apprehended should he have remained in St. Paul after the kidnaping.

During interviews Agent has had with WEAVER he has stated that it was more because of his association with the BARKERS that he had become involved in the kidnaping case, than by actual participation, as he had known FREDDIE BARKER in McAllister where he met DOC, while DOC was visiting FREDDIE, and had again met FRED BARKER at West Plains, Missouri, immediately after FRED BARKER and KARPIS had killed the Sheriff at West Plains, and his association with the BARKERS continued until after the kidnaping when they were together in Toledo. He stated that MYRTLE EATON was in no way involved in the kidnaping and in fact she was not in St. Paul at the time the kidnaping occurred, but that he had the key to her apartment on Portland Avenue in St. Paul and met the BARKERS and other members of the mob in MYRTLE EATON'S apartment; that he supposed it could be proven that MYRTLE EATON was absent from St. Paul at that time, although this would be rather difficult as the trip she was on was not exactly legitimate.

He stated that he had never been in Bensenville, Illinois. Both FARMER and ALLDERTON who were witnesses before the Grand Jury viewed WEAVER and both stated that he was not the man they had seen in ALLDERTON'S house at the time BREMER was held there. However, BRYAN BOLTON who also had an opportunity to see WEAVER in the County Jail, stated that he is unquestionably the person who was present at ALLDERTON'S house in Bensenville, at the time BREMER was being held there.

In discussing KARPIS with WEAVER he stated that he had a personal dislike for him and had separated from KARPIS and the rest of the mob in Toledo. He stated that he knew it would be a long time before he would see the outside again in view of his life sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and did not expect much consideration for himself, indicating that he intended

enter a plea of guilty to the kidnaping indictment. He stated, however, that MYRTLE EATON is entirely innocent and he would like to see her cleared of the charge pending against her. It was indicated to him that even though she were successful in being acquitted of this charge, that she would probably be charged with harboring him in Florida. He stated that she was no more guilty of that than he was of harboring her, and he was thereupon informed that he could also be charged with this offense.

He stated that he would be unable to locate KARPIS and CAMPBELL, who he believes are together, unless he could personally make contact with persons known to him, and stated that he knew of no one he could send to obtain this information. He further stated that he had heard nothing concerning their whereabouts for the past four months. He indicated, however, that he would furnish information regarding participation of other persons in various crimes in which the Government might be interested should some consideration be shown with respect to prosecution of MYRTLE EATON.

With respect to firearms found in his house in Florida, he stated that he had purchased a shotgun with an extra barrel from Mr. Johnson, but does not believe he obtained the .22 Colt Automatic pistol from Johnson (This is known to the Jacksonville Office). He stated that he obtained the .45 Army revolver from Tommy Carrell, deceased Dillinger gangster at St. Paul over a year ago; that he has had a .45 Automatic since about 1922, but does not recall where he obtained it; that he does not know where he got the .380 Automatics or any other firearms that may have been found, and that the .410 shotgun is MYRTLE EATON'S property and that he purchased it in some small town in Ohio a year or so ago.

WEAVER further stated that no one visited him in Florida that knew of his identity; that numerous people in the community in which he resided visited his house, some of whom were there to purchase dairy products. He denied that he had ever seen any of the KARPIS-BARKER mob since he left Toledo.

In compliance with request of the Jacksonville Office, a certified copy of the old indictment returned against Weaver was forwarded by the United States Attorney at St. Paul to the United

States Attorney at Jacksonville for use in prosecution of MYRTLE EATON in that District. A certified copy of the bench warrant with Marshal's return of service was also forwarded with the indictment.

Surveillance of the home of HELLIE BORN at Mankato, is still being maintained, but there have been no indications that CHARLES FITZGERALD or his associates have made contact with HELLIE BORN.

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RECORDED 7-576-4619

October 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, October 7, 1935 on Page 4 of which it is noted that for certain consideration William Weaver has indicated that he would furnish information to the Government regarding the participation of other persons in various crimes in which the Government might be interested.

The Bureau is not in a position to make any promises to William Weaver with regard to the prosecution of Myrtle Eaton. It is believed, however, that sincere efforts should be made by the St. Paul Office to secure from William Weaver all available information which would be of interest to the Bureau.

It is noted on Page 4 of the said report that William Weaver secured a .45 calibre Army revolver from Tommy Carroll, deceased Dillinger gangster, at St. Paul, Minnesota more than a year ago.

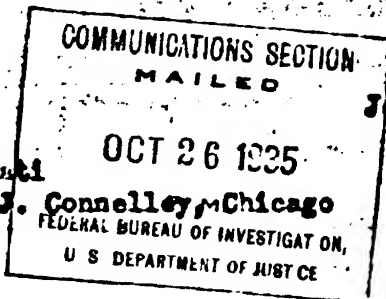
The Bureau desires that this matter be given very thorough consideration so that the Bureau will be advised of all contacts and communications between members of the Dillinger gang and members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc Cincinnati

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

OCT 8 1935

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

OCT 10 1935

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1212  
FUGITIVE, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

For your information, a Mr. Frank P. Coakley, who resides at 57 W. 45th Street, New York City, telephone Madallian 3-9672, and who claims to have recently been engaged at confidential investigative work for a Mr. Robert L. Hagus, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, who Coakley claims is associated with the Standard Oil Company, called at the New York office at which time he advised Special Agent Hanson that when he was in Detroit in May, 1935 he had occasion to eat a meal in the Statler Hotel in Detroit; that on that occasion Cassius McDonald was sitting at an adjoining table and that while he, Coakley, does not know McDonald, he overheard from the conversation of McDonald and others who were with him, none of whom are known to Coakley, that McDonald had a hunting lodge in Michigan and that he had hidden out at this lodge on occasions certain individuals who were wanted by the authorities. Coakley claims he heard McDonald say that one individual who had been hidden out at this place is named Fred Rose, who Coakley claimed was wanted by the New York Police for forfeiting a \$15,000 bond in connection with a left robbery.

Coakley claimed that he understood from this general conversation that McDonald had two different buildings located on his hunting preserve where he had hidden out people. Coakley also added that after hearing this conversation he learned from various sources in Detroit that Cassius McDonald, along with a man named Eddie Attucks, is the payoff to the Detroit Police Department and that no criminals can operate in Detroit unless they have McDonald's permission. Coakley also added that he understood further from the general conversation that he overheard that Rose is now on the outs with McDonald.

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Detroit, 10/7/35

He also stated that on his return to New York City he, Coakley, made inquiry at the New York City Police Department and learned that Rose is known to Detective Thomas Gorman of the 10th Squad. Coakley also said he did not give much significance to the above information until he read in the newspapers recently that McDonald had been indicted in connection with the Bremer case and it occurred to him that possibly McDonald if an acquaintance of Alvin Karpis, might be hiding Karpis out at the former's hunting lodge.

After receiving the above information, the New York office made inquiry of Detective Thomas Gorman and learned that Gorman about ten years ago arrested a man named Fred Rose for a left job; further, that Rose had jumped his bail but was subsequently arrested. The New York office also obtained a copy of the photograph of this Rose and it is attached hereto for the information of the Detroit office. It might also be mentioned that Rose' criminal record as it appears in the Identification Unit of the New York Police Department, is as follows:

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Detroit, 10/7/38

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The foregoing information is being forwarded to you as it is believed that the Detroit office has already made an investigation of the hunting lodge owned by McDonald, but it is not known if the Detroit office ever was in possession of information indicating there was more than one living quarter on this hunting preserve. It will also be noticed from the description on the back of the photograph of Rose, attached hereto, that at the time of his arrest by the New York City Police Department on October 10, 1934, when he was using the name Fred Rose as an alias, his true name apparently being Frederick Harris, he was residing at 200 W. 71st Street, New York City. The New York Bureau office is making no inquiry at this address nor conducting any investigation believing that possibly the Detroit office has already conducted an appropriate investigation of McDonald and that there is no necessity of contacting Rose. If, however, the Detroit office believes that Rose should be contacted for information concerning McDonald, the New York office will do so upon receipt of a request and if such a request is made, it is suggested that Rose's photograph be returned to this office for use in connection with that investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Bureau  
St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Nashville, Tenn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-8-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-1-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Truett E. Rowe</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

On March 15, 1935, William Weaver, using the name J. W. Osborne, traded a black 1934 Master Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 4482615, Serial No. 1DA06435, to the Motor Sales Company, Johnson City, Tennessee, for a Buckingham Gray 1935 Oldsmobile four door Sedan, with trunk locker on rear, motor No. F 424262, Serial No. TS 121752. Value of instant Oldsmobile Sedan, \$972.50, trade-in value of Master Chevrolet Sedan, \$560.00, balance of \$412.50 paid with bank notes. On March 15, 1935, Tennessee License Plates No. 151-912 issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne (true name Myrtle Eaton) for above described Oldsmobile Sedan. Money used to pay balance due on instant Oldsmobile was not checked with possible lists.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Jacksonville Office to Nashville Office, dated Sept. 24, 1935.  
Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, dated Sept. 9, 1935, at Jacksonville, Florida.

**DETAILS:**

**AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE:**

**C. C. Freeman, manager of the Motor Sales Company, 74 Wilson**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. Stapleton</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Avenue, Johnson City, exhibited records in his office which disclosed that on March 15, 1935, J. W. Osborne, of Clyde, Ohio, accompanied by his wife, traded a black 1934 Master Chevrolet Sedan, with trunk locker on rear, motor No. 4482615, Serial No. 1DA06435, license number not known, to his firm for a Buckingham Gray 1935 Oldsmobile four door sedan with trunk locker on rear, motor No. F 424262, Serial No. TS 121752.

The value of instant Oldsmobile was recorded as \$972.50, trade-in value of the Master Chevrolet Sedan as \$560.00, leaving a balance of \$412.50, which was paid with bank notes. The records further revealed that G. W. Crowe was the salesman who made the trade with Osborne.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Freeman and Crowe, who, after some difficulty, identified William Weaver as the man who traded for the Oldsmobile Sedan and identified Myrtle Eaton as the woman accompanying Weaver. Freeman was unable to make a positive identification, but Crowe stated that he was positive that Weaver and Eaton were the persons with whom he made the automobile trade.

Crowe stated that the balance of \$412.50 was paid to him by the man identified as Weaver; that Weaver took a bill-fold out of the inside pocket on the right side of his coat, from which he counted out \$412.00 in bank notes, but that he, Crowe, did not check the money with lists of ransom money, as it never occurred to him that the money might have been ransom money. Neither did Crowe or anyone else connected with the Motor Sales Company think to have the bank check the money with possible lists. Crowe stated that Weaver apparently had a considerable amount of money left in his bill-fold after paying the \$412.00. Crowe also noticed that Weaver carried some money in his left hip pocket. The bank notes used to pay the above mentioned balance were of large denominations, but the exact amount of the notes is unknown.

Before Crowe closed the automobile trade with Weaver, he called the Chevrolet dealer at Clyde, Ohio, from whom Weaver stated he purchased the Chevrolet Sedan, by long-distance telephone, and was advised by the dealer that the Chevrolet Sedan in question had been paid for.

It was noted in the report of reference that Myrtle Eaton, alias Mrs. J. W. Osborne, gave her address as 517 West Maple Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, at the time she purchased Tennessee License Plates No. 151-912, for instant Oldsmobile Sedan. In an

attempt to determine whether or not anyone was traveling with Weaver and Eaton, employees of the Motor Sales Company were questioned relative to this matter, but they stated that they saw no one with them. The city directory of Johnson City was checked and it was learned that 517 West Maples Street is a vacant lot. A neighborhood investigation was then made in the 400 and 500 blocks on West Maples Street to determine if any one took in transient roomers. The results of this investigation was negative. The register at the Maples Tourist Home, 715 West Maples Street, Johnson City, was checked and revealed that no one registered at the tourist home on the night of March 14, 1935, and that no one using the name "Osborne" registered during the month of March. Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Mrs. H. E. Haun, owner of the Maples Tourist Home, but she was unable to make an identification, stating that she has never seen any member of the gang.

AT JONESBORO, TENNESSEE:

Agent checked the records of automobile registrations in the County Clerk's office at Jonesboro, which disclosed that, on March 15, 1935, Tennessee license plates No. 151-912 were issued to Mrs. J. W. Osborne, 517 West Maples Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, for a new Oldsmobile Sedan, and that the license plates were issued by John Carson, Deputy County Clerk.

Photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to Carson, but he was unable to make an identification, and stated that he did not recall issuing the above described license plates.

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October 9, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

The Chicago office has advised the Bureau that Bruno Austin recently entered a plea of not guilty to a murder charge in the State Court in Chicago, Illinois and that this case was set to come up for trial on September 16, 1935.

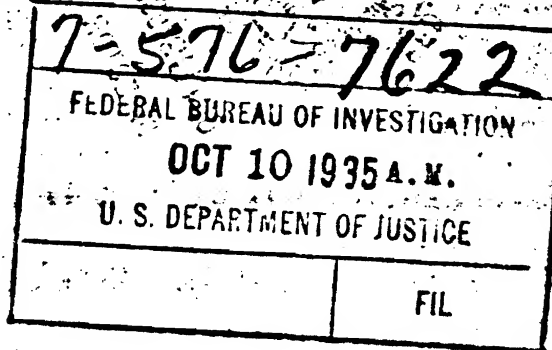
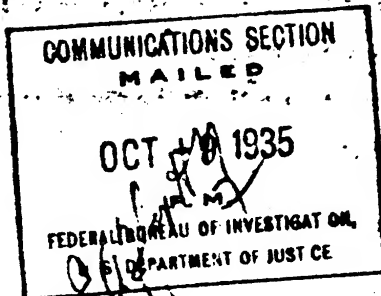
Please advise the Bureau immediately of the disposition of this case with regard to Bruno Austin.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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Sept 22

J Edgar Hoover

About 6 months ago Edgar Knowles owner of the Park Filling Station Tarpon Springs Fla. thought he was a gambler and went every night to the Lincoln Club, Tampa. They soon broke him but he seems to have made friends. About a month later he lost his car and then a friend in Bradenton loaned him one, which he has used until about a month ago, when friend came one evening, they went out got drunk came home about 3 A.M. The next morning about 10 A.M. the friend who stayed all night with him came out the back door. He was a short man, full face but pulled his straw hat down on his face, rode off in his car and I heard had gone to Texas. Sept. 15 Edgar K. went to Bradenton and brought the same car back. Sept. 18 a Blonde woman came to the station, gave Edgar a note, he got in the car and took it to his garage rear of his home, closed the doors and the car is still there. They never speak of the man or car, But I hear he has cars in most every city, and what little I hear he seems to be hiding out near Dade City. As a rule he must live in Bradenton but stays in Tampa most of the time. This car is a blue-green La Salle with a canvas top. He seems to have plenty of money and guns. I am not signing my name for most of my mail is opened. H. Joe Smith City Clerk, Sam Michael Dupuy Sheriff, Jim Hope, Fera boss, John Boyd Bad customers are around the station.

Margaret Sperry lived here about a year wrote a book "Portrait of Eden" pub. by Liveright. describes E. Knowles as Ex Fire chief the man with horse teeth and Webb Hill Ex police chief as the murderers of Dr. McAllister here. Knowles weakness, whisky, ladies and swearing. Miss Hannah King nurse at the hospital is a close friend.

The Knowles never speak of this stranger You must be hot on his trail now as they are extra quiet.

There is a garage apartment back of Knowles house if you are interested in watching the La Salle.

If I can do anything for you put an ad in Tampa Tribune, Personal "as Dick Tate" write - Hardware Co P.O. Box. Tampa.

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Remember I was taken to the woods twice to  
shoot but luck was with me.

I am sending this to a friend in Pittsburg to  
mail.

I beloive this man to be Karpis.

Yours

/s/ Dick Tate

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Jesse M. -  
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7-578-7623 October 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am forwarding to you herewith copies of a letter dated September 22, 1935 purporting to have been written by one Dick Tate, which was received at the Bureau on September 23, 1935. In his letter Mr. Tate indicates that one Edgar Knowles, owner of the Park Filling Station at Tarpon Springs, Florida, may be harboring fugitives.

In the event you have an Agent in Tarpon Springs in the near future, it is requested that an appropriate, discreet investigation be made to determine whether it is possible for Edgar Knowles to be presently harboring or assisting any fugitives in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 8, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 - et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

There is quoted herein memorandum submitted by  
Special Agent R. C. Suran at Mankato, Minnesota, and re-  
ceived in this office on October 5, 1935:

"Agents Paulson and Tonis have advised me  
that they have obtained information through [redacted]  
that Mrs. Ole Anderson has returned to  
Mankato and visited a neighbor [redacted] the  
other day. They state that the information that was  
obtained [redacted] was to  
the effect that Mrs. Anderson talked plenty. From  
the information obtained and other circumstances re-  
lated from time to time in the telephone log, I  
believe that Mrs. Anderson should be talked to by  
Agents of the Bureau. She no doubt could furnish us  
with information concerning Fitzgerald and further  
tell us of all of the activities of Belle for the  
past several months. It will be remembered that  
Mrs. Anderson lived on Belle's farm while Belle was  
traveling over the country with Fitzgerald, and it  
is not entirely impossible that she would have  
information as to the present whereabouts of Fitz-  
gerald if he is alive. I suggest that the matter  
be put up to Mr. Connelley, and Mrs. Anderson would  
no doubt be interested in a little cash."

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I am still of the opinion that it is not advisable  
to interview Mrs. Ole Anderson until the surveillance at  
Mankato is discontinued. It appears to me that if she is in  
a position where she desires to talk now, there is no logical  
reason why she should not be interviewed. b7c  
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reason why she will not be willing to cooperate at a later date. In view thereof, and unless instructed to the contrary by the Bureau or Mr. Connelley, no action will be taken at the present time.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati  
cc E.J. Connelley, Chicago

C O P Y

Saint Paul  
October 7, 1935.

The Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: U.S. v. Barker, Karpis, McDonald, et al.-  
Bremer kidnaping case.

Sir:

Joseph H. Adams, manager of the El Comodore Hotel, Miami, Florida, appeared before a recent Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, called to consider further indictment in the Bremer kidnaping case, and extensions in point of time of the conspiracy, and inclusion of other defendants in the conspiracy indictment.

Mr. Adams appeared as a Government witness and gave valuable testimony which tends to tie Cassius McDonald, Harry Sawyer and William Harrison in the conspiracy. Mr. Adams was very friendly towards the Government and his testimony before the Grand Jury was freely given, and he has expressed a desire and willingness to co-operate with the Government in the prosecution of this case.

According to the information in this office, Mr. Adams is under indictment, or indictments, in the District of Florida, charging him and others with harboring Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. In the event those cases against him were prosecuted at this time, or before the trial of the Bremer kidnaping case, it would no doubt cause Adams to feel unfriendly towards the Government and much of his usefulness as a witness in the trial of the Bremer kidnaping case would be destroyed. The Bremer kidnaping case will probably come on for trial in St. Paul about November 12, 1935.

I respectfully request that your Department go into the advisability of the continuance of the cases against Adams in the District of Florida to the end that a trial of such cases be not had until after the trial of the Bremer kidnaping case. If the continuance of the cases against Adams in Florida meets with your approval, I ask that you kindly take up such continuance with the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and that you advise me with respect to his intentions as to a continuance of such cases until after the Bremer kidnaping case has been tried.

Respectfully,

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GEORGE F. SULLIVAN  
United States Attorney

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
October 8, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

For the information of the Bureau and each of the offices indicated below, I am attaching to Bureau copies of this communication and copies designated for other offices, letter from the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, under date of October 7, 1935 addressed to the Attorney General.

It will be noted that United States Attorney Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, in his communication requests the Department to consider the advisability of having the cases against Joseph H. Adams, Miami, Florida, postponed until after the trial of captioned case in St. Paul. It should be noted that the United States Attorney contemplates bringing this case to trial on November 12, 1935.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc E.J. Connelley, Chicago (Encl.)

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
OCTOBER 8, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City  
Office to the Bureau advising that arrangements have been made  
to secure typewritten copies of all communications sent and  
received by Elmer Farmer, register number 47103, United States  
Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Transmitted herewith are type-  
written copies of the following communications.

Letter to Elmer Farmer from Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois,  
postmarked September 19, 1935.

Letter to Elmer Farmer from Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois,  
postmarked September 21, 1935.

Letter to Elmer Farmer from Blanche Erabaut, postmarked Melrose  
Park, September 20, 1935.

Letter to Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois, from Elmer Farmer,  
dated September 22, 1935.

Letter to Blanche Erabaut, Elmhurst, Illinois, from Elmer Farmer,  
dated September 24, 1935.

Letter to Elmer Farmer from Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois,  
postmarked September 25, 1935.

Very truly yours

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago (Encls.)  
cc - St. Paul (Encls.)  
cc - Cincinnati (Encls.)

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Copy of letter received by Elmer Farmer, #47103,  
from Helen Conliff, 4113 West End Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

postmarked, Chicago, Sept. 19, 1935.

Dearest Elmer:-

Wednesday Eve.

I received your letter late today and believe me I was glad to hear from you. I thought something had happened to you when I did not hear from you yesterday. I am so glad you are feeling so well. I am sorry I did not write to you much last week but I was so upset, you see we gave up the apartment and my mother and I are living with May and Mick for a few days. We took Irene to school and they would not let her go back into her second year so she is back in Bensenville and staying at Jenkins. She really wanted to go back there so it is just as well she did until we know where we are at. Now about my mother and I. Of course you know things are rather hard for us and have not been so good for us but it looks as if things are going to get better. You see honey there is a Tavern over north and my mother is thinking of taking the kitchen and running it. You know the concession and we will know tomorrow definitely. Tomorrow, and I will write and tell you all about it. If it does not turn out the way we plan, why then I will proceed to go and get another job, meanwhile we are staying here with May and Mick but I hope not for very long. Montie's wife is lucky to have a tearoom, isn't she, I do not ever call her you told me not to, you know. So it was Madala who was down to see you. You must be an important person that they come all the way from Chicago to see you. I did not know Mike had Sam for his lawyer. I don't think he did. I think he had a man by the name of Brust from Oak Park. I met Bert and his wife on Grand Ave the other night on the street car and he asked for you and said to say hello to you. I do not hear from Martha so very often but I guess she is getting along nicely. You know I thought perhaps I wrote down there you would get to work sooner but perhaps it is best not to. I hope you do go to work soon I t will be much better for you if you do. How is Harold getting along now,

Well honey, sure would like to see you. I still miss you a whole lot. You asked about Limpeter. Well, I guess it is just for the town I doubt very much if he could handle the County. I tried to call Lil and was going to ask her about Mike and I also wanted to find out about the rings that Mike and I took out to that Beck in Aurora but I suppose I would get them back without any trouble, don't you, That is if I had the money. As yet have not heard from McMerkon. I hope those agents have you alone they should because if you won't help there and I am glad you won't and they know it, they should not be coming there annoying you. It has been real nice here the past week. Warm enough to go out without a coat in the evenings. I will tell Bill and Rose you said hello and sent your regards, Bill will be glad to hear from you. You know honey, I must have disappointed you terribly last week neglecting to write to you but I honestly did not know just what I was doing so tho I am very sorry that dont help much. I promise I will not wait so long again, my dearest, overlook it this time. Mick has worried too about not hear-

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ing from you I thought you were sick, gee don't let that happen. Everyone is pretty good and they all say hello. Well dearest I'll write to you tomorrow and let you know how we made out so meanwhile send my next letter here I will enclose the address and then we should be located next week and have a permanent address, so hoping you are getting along nicely and I will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff

address your next letter to:  
4143 West End Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Copy of letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Blanche Brabaut -  
no address, however, postmarked, Melrose Park, Sept. 20, 1935.

September 20, 1935.

Dear Elmer

I received your letter Wednesday afternoon, I looked for it Tuesday as I know you write it on Sunday, but I suppose they have a lot of mail to look over, you wrote it Sunday but it did not leave until Tuesday. Well I am glad to know you are feeling so well, a rest is a fine thing for any one. I hope they will give you work soon as it must get very monotonous with nothing to do. I hope they dont bother you anymore about any case, you are thru with that, and thats settled. Gifford saw Rud's brother-in-law and he said Rud is always on a vacation. Gifford said he would like to meet him when he is in town, so if he gets the chance to talk to him, he will. As soon as you get work I will come to see you. Its been such a long time since I have seen you. When you get out in the yard you can see then what you would like to study, I would take something up as it will help pass the time and be a benefit to you. Thats fine that they have a school right there, a business course if very good, also English, if you read the right books, they are a great help. I know you never cared much about reading but after you get started you would like it.

I was in Chicago yesterday, I wanted to write your letter and mail it from Chi. but I didn't have time so I am writing this now at 7:30 A.M. its cold and raining heretoday, but we had a week of real summer weather.

We are well. I haven't seen Chub since I wrote you last but things are going along allright over there. i'll send you your ten dollars in the next letter, could I put the \$10 dollar bill in the letter or must it be a money order. Gifford says "Hello" he's going out to mail this now and I hope you receive it Sat.

Love from both of us.

Blanche Brabaut



Copy of letter to Elmer Farmer, 47103, from Helen Conliff, 4143 West End Ave. Chicago, Postmarked Chicago, Sept. 21, 1935.

Friday evening.

Dearest Elmer:

I thought you would be looking for a letter from me, so here it is.

Well honey I guess I told you we were waiting to hear from that woman about getting the concession in that tavern for the kitchen but so far we have not heard from her as to whether we can have it definitely or not so cannot tell you but I will let you know. How are you getting along dearest, I hope you are getting along as nicely as you were last week. We are still staying here with Mick and May but not for long I hope, gosh, if I stayed very long I would go batty you know all they do is "sing the blues" and how I love that. However please send my letter here and I will be sure of receiving it and when I reply I will let you know of any changes in my address. Martha called here for me yesterday and though I have not had so very much to do with her since I lived here in Chicago but I thought I would go out with her so we went to the show and had supper downtown. She is getting along very nicely and I guess Bert is too. Scottie is staying here with us but I think when Irene comes in for her clothes I will let her take him back to Bensenville with her for a little while. anyway. I bet you think that it wont be long before we are living back there but not me Elmer, perhaps if you were there I might but as it is - no thank you. I hope you go to work soon and doing the work you want to do. Everyone is just fine and they all say hello to you.

I am going out to Marys house in a little while, there is not much else to do around here so I will mail your letter.

I was talking to Sam this morning and I intend to see him Monday so will let you know what he has to say. Well honey this is about all I guess for this time and please dont wait so long to write to me this week. I look forward to receiving your letters so much and I am disappointed when they are late. I will write to you Sunday so until then take good care of yourself and write to me as soon as you can.

With lots of love

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Copy of letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Miss Helen Conliff,  
4134 West End Ave., Chicago.

Leavenworth, September 22, 1935

Dear Helen

Received your letter Friday night. so you and your mother ar living with Nick and May now. say hellow to them for me. I think of them often and hope some day to see them agin. I rean went back to school in Bensenville agin mabeey thats the best place for her as she will get through school sooner out there then in Chicago. and she knows every one going to school out there. I hope you and your mother get that kitchen concession up north then thing would be much better for you. I see in the paper Miche also pleaded guilty and got one to life along with the other three. I had another goverment agent here to see me from Kansas City he talked to me and Harold at the same time about going up to StPaul but we would not go back as we do not know those people up there. so now thay are sending Brennen from StPaul down here to see us. I suppose he will be here some time this coming week. Monte is there for that purpose so let him do it. I am not doing anything down here yet just resting up. hope they give me something to do soon as thay said they would. so you were talking to Berth and his wife. I dont suppose Bishops like to see him get married and leave Bensenville as he was a good roomer for them. we are still having fine weather down here its been quite warm onley rained one day this week. I suppose scottie is alright by now he must have a good time around Nick and May as thay both like him. I am writing this letter to you on Saturday night so if I hear from you Sunday night will not be able to answer untill next week. but thought I better write you now so you would get it thuesday. I will mail this letter to you in the morning going to breakfast. I havent mised any meals since I am down here and go to bed on time every night but its seems to agree with me as I am picken up some weight but hope to take it of agin when I go to work. I am getting the papers from Chicago and Kansas City regular now and know most everything that is going on. I spend most of my time reading papers and book. I can get all the books I want to read from the library in here. Thay have plenty of book and kind you want to read. Well this is about all for this week. best regards to all.

Elmer Farmer

Copy of letter written by Elmer Farmer #47103 to Blanche Brabant,  
275 Geneva Ave., Elmhurst, Illinois.

Leavenworth, Kansas Sept. 24th, 1935.

Dear Blanche

Received your letter last night. was glad to hear from you. I thought maybe you were sick when I didnt hear from you on Saturday or Sunday. so you didnt get my letter until wensday last week. I dont suppose you will get this one untill some time the last of this week as it wont go out of here untill tomorrow. I had another agent to see me and Allerton last week about going to St. Paul. but neather of us would go, as we dont know those people up there. he told us they were comming down from St. Paul to see us now. I sure wish they would leave me alone as I dont intend to go up there and I told them so. I am not working yet and dont suppose I will as long as those agents come to see me. so it has been raining in Chicago. we havent had any down here this last week. It has been very nice. you can send the ten dollars in the letter it would be alright. so you dont see Jim very often I suppose he is buisy and dont get away much. this is not much of a letter as I want to mail it on my way to breakfast so it will leave here some time today. hope Gifford get to see Rud for me. best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer.

Copy of letter to Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Helen Conliff, 4143 West  
End Ave., Chicago, Postmarked, Sept. 25, 1935.

Wednesday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

Received your nice letter late yesterday. I am glad you are  
feeling so well.

Be careful with that Brennan if he come to see you. You remember  
how he was on the stand. I really mean that, he was so sure of himself.  
Harold does just whatever you do, doesn't he, You and him must be very valuable  
to them to be sending so many agents to see you. You are right to say that  
about Montie. I went to see Sam Monday as I told you I was going to do. He  
was not Miki's lawyer. I told you I did not think he was. I tried to call  
Lil so many times but her phone is disconnected, so have not been able to  
find out any news. Some said you could do as you pleased, it was entirely up  
to you, but it would not do you any harm to go to St. Paul if they wanted you  
to. It might help you later on, but you do as you please about it. I told  
you in the letter I wrote to you Sunday that we did not get that concession  
over north. I have my application in at two agencies so hope to be called  
to work soon. Clara has a brother who is working on the north side in a  
Drugstore and he is trying to get me a job there. I am still on call as a  
Relief girl at Raklioc but would much rather be working steady and know  
just what I will make each week. Well anyway here's hoping things change  
for me, I hate to write blue letters to you. I know how you hate to hear  
anyone singing the blues. Irene was in to see us last night and she is getting  
along very nicely. Said to say "hello" to you. Everyone is getting along  
pretty good. Tho' finally Mick decided to go to the doctors today. You know  
I told you that every time he eats anything he seems to choke. His face  
just gets purple. He leaves the table about four or five times during a meal.  
I was out to Mary's last night and Mary was telling me that she seen Jim and  
he had Frenchy and Henry with him and they were in a saloon in Hanson Pk. and  
as usual plastered. He had quite a bit of money. You know how he is when  
he has money. Have not heard anything about him to tell you about. How  
is Blanche and Gifford getting along. Is he still working, Bill Palmer  
is on his vacation and Rose and him are going to Wisconsin. Martha was  
telling me that she had heard Bill Bishop was in a sanitarium in Lombard.  
You remember I told you he was not very well. He did not work from  
December until June and he had all of his teeth pulled. Too bad, he is so  
sick. I was going to write Margaret and tell her I was so sorry but have not  
as yet but intend to soon. Well, honey, I wish you would get to work soon  
and perhaps I can come to see you. How about you, would you like to have me  
come down there, Well, honey, I will just as soon as I can.

Scottie got over his accident nicely and he has a nice home here, that  
is, sometimes, when my aunt is not hollering at him. I hope I can get away  
from here soon. It is not homelike at all, but anyway it wont be for very  
long, I hope. Albert is still running away from work. He is away on his usual  
week end trip. He left here Saturday and this is Wednesday and he is not at  
home yet. "Nize"? Well, honey, I guess this is about all for this time so hope  
you continue to keep well and get along so nicely. You made a mistake on

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the address so I will enclose it again, please send my next letter here.  
Will close, with lots of love and write real soon and be careful talking  
to those agents.

(Signed) Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-3 JV**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-9-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-2,3,4,-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT C. HENDON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. #1238, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Joseph Peter Dowling and E. M. "Jack" Lentz, admittedly card-sharps, acknowledged accidental contact with W. B. Meade in Charleston, S. C., March 1935, but stated they have no information as to his present whereabouts. O. R. Meade, Charleston, S. C. and Mrs. L. F. Mead, Miami, Fla., registered Hotel De Soto, Savannah, while Dowling was there, probably not connected instant case. Photograph of Meade exhibited to Hotel employees and contacts of Dowling and Lentz but not recognized.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. B. Leake, Charlotte, dated September 10, 1935.			
DETAILS: <u>AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA:</u>  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">F. J. Sweeney, Savannah Police Department, advised that Savannah license #8362 had been issued this year to Miss Lulu Mae Jones, 1230 East 31st Street, for Plymouth Sedan, motor #PP-31125-C. It will be noted that reference report requested Laura May Jones, 1231 East 31st Street, to be interviewed. Personal observation disclosed that there was no 1231 East 31st Street.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">When questioned, Lulu Mae Jones stated that she knew no one by the name of Joseph Peter Dowling or any of his aliases. Upon</p>			
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reference being made to the Hotel Francis Marion at Charleston, South Carolina, she immediately stated that once last Spring or summer when she was staying at that hotel she met a fellow by the name of Jack Lynch (spelling phonetic, according to her). She advised that this person had approached her in the lobby of the Francis Marion and had later taken her out to a night club in Charleston. She stated that she had at the time met a fellow with him whose name she could not recall. Miss Jones then described Lynch in such a manner as to leave no doubt but that it was the Lents referred to in reference report. She advised that he had told her he was in the contracting business, that his home was in Atlanta, Georgia, but that he was then living in Miami, Florida. She related that she gave him her phone number and address in Savannah and that about three months ago he had called her when in town, but that she had not then gone out with him.

Miss Jones continued that on Saturday night, September 28, 1935, Lents called her and asked her to pick him up at the Savannah Hotel where he was staying. She said that accordingly she, Miss Denah Aiken, 725 Mawpaw Avenue; and Miss Julia Anderson, Oglethorpe Street, had gone to the Hotel in her car. She stated that Lents had met them in front of the Hotel and had then gone back into the Hotel and gotten a girl, whose name she could not remember, and had taken her along. She said that they then went to the De Soto Hotel where they picked up a fellow by the name of "Joe". Her description of Joe tallied well with that of Joe Dowling. She continued that after they had obtained something to eat they had taken Lents and his girl back to the Savannah Hotel and that then Miss Aiken had taken Joe home alone. She stated that she had not heard from either of the men since that time.

Miss Jones said that she was employed by the Keller Dairy Company, 1516 Bull Street, of which company Miss Aiken was the manager.

Miss Denah Aiken substantiated that part of Miss Jones' statement concerning her and added that she could not remember Joe's last name further than that it was "English sounding". She stated that after they had left the rest of the party she had taken Joe back to the De Soto Hotel where he told her he was occupying room 406 and should she care to call him. She stated that the number was impressed upon her due to the fact that Lents had stated that he was occupying the same room number at the Savannah Hotel. Her description of both men fitted generally that given of Dowling and Lents in previous reports.

Andrew A. Smith, Manager, Savannah Hotel, stated that a party giving the name of Jack Lance had registered into room 406 on September 25, 1935. He said that on September 30, 1935 Jack or Jimmie Kiley, well known local gambler who could be located through Bo Peep's Billiard Parlor, 19 East Congress Street, had called the Hotel and said that Lents had been called out of town and for them to hold his baggage for the bill which Lents would return for on October 4, 1935. Smith advised that he was then holding the baggage for the bill which was for the amount of \$40.00. The baggage was superficially searched by writer for anything which might tie Lents up with William Elmer Meade but nothing of value in that connection was discovered. The only document contained in the baggage was an envelope addressed to Jack Lance, Savannah Hotel, postmarked at Miami, Florida on September 26, 1935 and bearing a return address to Mrs. E. M. Lents, 606 Tuttle Hotel, Miami, Florida.

It was ascertained from R. W. Hardeman, attorney and house man for the Savannah Hotel, that Lents is the Lents that was acquitted of the murder in Atlanta's famous Donaldson case which occurred approximately fifteen years ago, and that Solicitor General Boykin of Atlanta would accordingly know Lents very well.

Hardeman and Smith were requested to get in touch with writer immediately at the De Soto Hotel or through the District Attorney's office should Lents return for his baggage.

Mr. A. J. Browne, Assistant Manager, De Soto Hotel, stated that John P. Downey registered at 4:17 A. M., September 26, 1935, in room 455, giving Miami, Florida as his address. He stated that, according to his records, Downey was moved on the following morning to room 406 where he stayed the next four nights. His registration card, #9527, was exhibited to writer and indicated that on September 30, 1935, a Mr. "Cuyly" called and informed the Hotel that Downey had left town for a few days but would return for his baggage and pay his bill on Wednesday, October 2, 1935. Mr. Browne advised that the person who had called was probably Jimmie or Jack Kiley, local gamblers. He further stated that his night telephone operator, Mrs. Flo Wagner, was Jack Kiley's mistress and that accordingly care should be taken in placing any phone calls in instant case.

Browne stated that Downey's bag was being held for his bill. The baggage was superficially searched by writer and complete notes made of its contents which will not be listed.

The notes, however, will be retained in the Atlanta file. The articles found therein included several thousand-dollar bill wrappers; five, ten, twenty and fifty dollar phoney paper bills; a nickel, on one side of which was cemented a mirror (a card sharp device), and various other things which would indicate that their owner was engaged in the crooked card racket. A packet of correspondence was taken to writer's room for a minute study thereof. A cursory survey of the correspondence failed to disclose anything connecting Dowling with Meade. As writer prepared to make a more detailed study of the correspondence, Mr. Browne sent word by the house detective that Dowling was just checking back into the hotel and was asking for his baggage. The packet of correspondence was accordingly returned to Dowling's bag in order not to arouse his suspicion that he was being watched.

Upon being again contacted, Mr. Browne stated that Dowling had come in by himself and had been assigned to room 104. As writer had stepped off the elevator just prior thereto, he noticed a young man meet an elderly man in the back lobby and proceed towards the Tavern, located in the hotel basement. Later it was stated by Bell Captain Robert that the younger man was Dowling. The older man seemed to be about the size of Meade and wore glasses but seemed to be somewhat younger. An effort was made immediately to locate the two in the Tavern but they had left. Mr. Browne was then requested to check for any registrations under the name of Meade or any of his aliases. This check indicated that on registration card #9547 D. O. Mead, 532 Hagur St., Charleston, South Carolina, had been assigned to room 217 on September 26, 1935, paying \$2.50 in advance and had checked out on the following day. Registration card #9465 indicated that a Mrs. L. F. Mead and a Mrs. L. J. Cushman, 311 N. E. 28th Street, Miami, Florida had registered on September 24, 1935 in room 119 and had occupied the room for one night. A subsequent effort was made to get photostatic copies of the two registrations but it was impossible since there was no available machine in Savannah.

The Atlanta Office was requested telephonically to forward a picture of Mead to Agent so that it would arrive the following morning and arrangements were made through Mr. Browne to be notified immediately should there be any indication that Dowling was checking out during the night. The following morning a surveillance was maintained on the hotel desk to prevent Dowling's leaving and to observe any persons resembling Meade. Upon the receipt of Meade's photograph in the morning mail it was exhibited



to Mr. Browne; Miss Zana Brown, cigar counter clerk; Mrs. Aloeta Richardson, mail clerk, and to Robert, the colored bell captain, all of whom stated they had not seen anyone of that appearance in the hotel that they could remember.

Agent proceeded to room 104 where, posing as a telegraph messenger, he gained entrance to find Dowling had not yet arisen. He was evidently surprised and frightened that a Special Agent wanted to question him. To the direct question he stated that he did not know anyone by the name of Meade and had never known anyone by that name. He was then shown the picture of Meade whereupon he immediately stated that he knew the person and had met him in Charleston, South Carolina, the past Spring under the name of Miller. He stated that he had not seen the man before that time nor had he seen him since. When asked to state the circumstances of the meeting in Charleston he related that he and his partner, Lents, had been working Charleston with the card racket and had been approached by "Miller" at that place. He denied that they had attempted to scam Hastings on a confidence game, but stated that he may have tried to get Hastings to "tout" him on a horse-race. He readily admitted that he was a card-sharp and stated that he and Lents had "beat" a guest in the Sumpter Hotel which led to his arrest in Charleston. He stated that he was merely a card-sharp and nothing else, that he had no allusions of grandeur and had never had anything to do with the confidence racket. He stated that his meeting with Meade in Charleston was purely accidental and that he knew nothing whatsoever concerning the man. Dowling advised that when he had left Savannah on October 30th he and Lents had been driven to Jacksonville by Jimmie Kiley where they caught a boat to Miami for the purpose of playing cards on the way down. He stated that they made the round-trip on the boat and that he and James McHugh had returned from Jacksonville the night before by train. He stated that McHugh was staying with him in his room but had not registered in as they were riding hard luck and were short of cash. Dowling said that Lents was returning to Savannah by car but that he did not know just when he would arrive. He volunteered that he could always be reached through General Delivery, Miami, Florida.

Before the conclusion of the interview with Dowling, James McHugh entered the room. He was immediately recognized as the elderly man who had been seen with Dowling the previous evening. He was asked to separately state his activities and told a story that exactly fitted that given by Dowling. He also readily admitted



that he was a card-sharp who had joined Lents and Dowling in Miami. He stated that he lived at the Del Rio Apartments in that city with his wife and five children, where he could always be located should he be wanted for further questioning. When shown the picture of Meade, he stated that he did not recognize it as any person he had ever seen. When Meade's name was mentioned, he stated that he knew him by reputation but that further than that he knew nothing. Dowling was requested to place a call to the Savannah Hotel and inquire if Lents had yet registered. The switch-board operator there told him that Lents was registered, but had left word not to be disturbed and refused to place the call.

Agent proceeded immediately to the Savannah Hotel, first receiving a message from the District Attorney's office that Mr. Smith of that hotel wished to see him. At the Savannah Hotel it was ascertained that Lents had registered about 3:00 A. M. in room 310. At room 310 Agent awakened Lents and used a ruse to gain admittance. Upon entering the room Lents was found to be undressed and a woman in negligee was in bed. The woman was asked to adjourn to the bath-room and Lents was questioned. He was naturally extremely frightened and nervous and willing to tell anything apparently. He recognized the picture of Meade and stated the man's correct name. Lents stated that he had last seen Meade in Charleston, South Carolina in March, 1935, at which time he and his partner, Joe Dowling, were working that town with the card racket. He stated that he had previously casually met Meade in Jacksonville, Florida about three years previous to that time. He related that while sitting in the lobby of the Sumpter Hotel in Charleston, Meade had approached him and begun a conversation. He stated that he, Meade, Joe and a prospective sucker whose name he did not recall had all been in his, Lents, room at one time. He stated that there had been no plan to pull a confidence game on the stranger but that they had attempted to get him to "tout" them on a horse-race and to also get him into a card game. He stated that Dowling had picked the man up and that he had appeared to be too smart and that they had dropped him.

Lents advised that he had never done a "Hickel's" worth of business with Meade in his life and that he had never participated in a con game. Lents denied pointing Meade out to Hastings as stated in the report of Special Agent Paul M. Plunkett, Boston, August 28, 1935. He stated that he had not been with Meade longer than an hour and a half during his stay in Charleston. He continued that Meade had questioned him concerning the possibility of operating a confidence game in Savannah whereupon he gave him his address in Savannah and said that he would look the situation over and would advise Meade if

he would call him there. Lents stated that Dowling had been arrested in Charleston for beating someone in a card game and that he had left hurriedly for Savannah where he registered in the De Soto Hotel about March 28 or 29, 1935. He said that after his arrival in Savannah Meade had called him from the Savannah Hotel. Lents continued that he had gone to Meade's room there, which he was occupying with Mrs. Meade, whom Lents described in conformity with the description as given of Kate Meade. Lents stated that their room was a large one with twin beds. He said that he had told Meade that there was not a chance to pull a payoff in Savannah, and after talking to him a bit longer, had left. Lents stated that he had not seen or heard of Meade since that time and had no idea where he might be located. Lents begged for leniency on the White Slave Traffic Violation in which he was caught red-handed, admitting that he had brought the woman with him from Jacksonville the night before, and it is believed that had he possessed any information concerning Meade he would have spilled it in hopes of not being prosecuted. The White Slave Traffic angle is handled in a separate report, the U. S. Attorney refusing prosecution. Despite denials on the part of Agent, Lents considered the failure to prosecute as a personal favor and in several subsequent conversations repeatedly stated that he knew nothing of the whereabouts of Meade, saying that if he did he would give the information in return for the break he received. Lents stated that he lived in Apartment 606, Tuttle Hotel, Miami, Florida, with a woman not his wife and that he could be reached there until December 10, 1935, when his lease expired.

George F. Paysant, clerk, Savannah Hotel furnished his arrival and checkout books for the month of April and May 1935, which were searched for the possible registration of Meade and his wife under the name of Miller or his other aliases, but nothing could be found that could be established as being the proper one.

The photograph of Meade was exhibited to all of the Savannah Hotel clerks, Mr. E. A. Smith, Mr. Hardeman, and to several of the bell-boys, all of whom stated that they did not recognize the picture as resembling any guest at the Hotel which they could recall.

At the Bo Peep Billiard Parlor, 19 East Congress Street, it was ascertained that Jimmie and Jack Kiley were brothers who operated a gambling joint known as "The Club" at 111 1/2 West Congress Street. At "The Club" both were separately interviewed. Jimmie Kiley stated that it had been he who had called the two hotels on September 30, 1935, to advise them that Joe Dowling and Jack Lents had left town. He then substantiated

their statements as to the boat trip to Miami and back. Kiley stated that they were known as card-sharps and that they had never operated in the con game. Jack Kiley made the same general statements. The picture of Meade was exhibited to both and they stated that they had never seen anyone resembling him. General inquiry developed that the Kileys were raised in Savannah and bear a fairly good reputation in that city with the exception of their gambling activities.

It will be observed in the above report that all material parties were contacted unexpectedly and separately and that all of their stories were the same. In view of the investigation it is thought that the O. R. Mead and Mrs. L. F. Mead who were registered at the De Soto as set out have no connection with William E. Meade but leads are being set out to definitely check them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at Charleston, South Carolina, will ascertain the identity of D. O. Mead, 532 Hagur Street.

THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Miami, Florida, will ascertain the identity of Mrs. L. F. Mead, 311 N. E. 28th Street.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 7, 1935.

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Time - 11:04 A.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

The following are verbatim excerpts from a telephonic conversation which I had with Walter Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General:

BARLOW: With reference to the case against Joe Adams down in Miami, last Friday we came to the conclusion that we would proceed to trial as to all the defendants. We had considered nolle prosequing as to Heller, who was the man from Havana (Nathaniel Heller), and we have got a very weak case against him, but Mr. Keenan determined that he thought it best to submit the matter to the court. You will recall that some time ago they requested taking of depositions in Cuba for Heller, and then I had that matter postponed because we were very doubtful as to whether we would proceed as to Heller. I sent a telegram to the United States Attorney down there and told him to advise the attorney for Mr. Heller that we would proceed and asked him to advise us whether he would insist upon taking these depositions in Cuba. I haven't had a reply to that yet. However, I did get word that the court will re-convene down there on the 15th, and that the United States Attorney will move that this case be one of the first set.

TAMM: Mr. Barlow, I was wondering if you are giving consideration to the fact that Cassius McDonald is under indictment in St. Paul.

BARLOW: I was just coming to that. At a prior hearing on this matter, the local counsel for Cash McDonald intimated that he wanted to file a motion for severance, and we are going to file a motion to consolidate all these harboring and conspiracy to harbor indictments in one case. We determined that rather than do anything about Cash McDonald right at the moment, we would wait until we see whether or not they file a motion for a severance. If they do file a motion for a severance, we want to oppose it. If they do not, then my instructions are prior to proceeding to trial to dismiss as to McDonald down there, because we wouldn't want to try him down there before he was tried in St. Paul. We think we have a much better case against him in St. Paul.

TAMM: Now there is one thing there, Mr. Barlow, that I might mention. One of the defendants in Florida, I believe it was Joe Adams, waived all immunity, went before the grand jury in St. Paul and testified very freely about the whole transaction down there. He is a potential and a very valuable witness in the prosecution in St. Paul. I wonder if the best interests of the Government wouldn't be served by undertaking prosecution of him after he has had a chance to testify in St. Paul. In other words, no promises or inducements have been made to him.

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BARLOW: I'll be perfectly frank with you in this matter, as I have been in my memoranda. I am doubtful whether or not our testimony as to knowledge is going to be sufficient to convict Joe Adams. I am very doubtful. We got a letter from the United States Attorney at St. Paul saying that he had tentatively set that case for the 12th of November, but he hadn't succeeded in getting Cash McDonald removed as yet. I believe that with the testimony of Joe Adams we can convict Cash McDonald, even if we didn't have anyone else. Certainly with his testimony added to the testimony of the men from the bank in Cuba who positively identified Cash McDonald, I don't think there would be any question. \* \* \* If you will review the testimony relative to Cash McDonald, you will notice that all of the overt acts committed by him were committed prior to the time that we put Alvin Karpis in Florida, and none of them was preparing a place of hiding or refuge for Karpis in Florida. They were merely engaged in activities of exchanging the money, all of which was done prior to the date when Karpis came into the state. I am fearful, as we all are, that while that testimony is very strong for the St. Paul case, that we just indicted him in the wrong box. For that reason, we don't propose to be forced to trial as to him until after he has been tried in St. Paul at least. \* \* \* Of course, I don't know and won't know until after the 15th of the month as to what date we can get a setting in Florida. If they conflict, we will all have to get together and decide what is to be done in the light of the conflict. I am hopeful that we can get a setting around the latter part of this month. I would like to get this off my chest because I have all those cases up in New Jersey, those bank cases, and they are still hanging over my head. I have finally gotten a tentative setting in them, though. The United States Attorney up there has not been at all favorable toward these cases, and I have had great difficulty getting settings. I like to try my cases, as you well know.

TAMM: You contemplate then not proceeding against Joe Adams until after the St. Paul trial?

BARLOW: No, I contemplate trying to get a setting, keeping my left eye on St. Paul, and if I can get a setting for the latter part of this month, I could finish this trial in Miami for all the defendants except Cash McDonald.

TAMM: How do you think that is going to affect the testimony that Adams will give against Cash McDonald. In other words, if Joe Adams wasn't prosecuted until after he testified in St. Paul, wouldn't his statements and his admissions on the witness stand there be of value to your prosecution of Florida?

BARLOW: Well, I don't know; we have some very lengthy statements from him, you know. He came before us voluntarily, Hanson, McKee and I when we were down there, and we had a conference with him which lasted a day and a half. He answered everything very freely, and after admitting for instance about that telegram that he wrote it and signed it "Cash" but it was at the direction of McDonald, we were having the handwriting checked, and he said that he wrote the telegram himself, and then wrote it out in longhand again for us. Except for squirming a little as to why he sent Duke Randall to Tennessee along about Christmas time where they had frightened

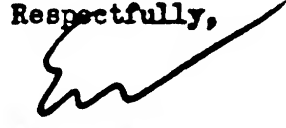


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him at that time, his statements have been pretty nearly true, and we haven't caught him in many lies. Of course, I don't want to do anything that would jeopardize the conviction of McDonald in St. Paul.

TAMM: Yes, well, you let us know when you hear about the depositions.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
October 7, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of October 3, 1935, (7-576) advising that the Secret Service Division in Washington under date of September 25, 1935, furnished the Bureau with a letter directed to Mr. James H. Beary, P.O. Box 4853, Jacksonville, Florida, by Morris Hermer, 660 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, dated September 18, 1935, in which Mr. Hermer informed that Alvin Karpis might be located at one of the three following places:

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On the outskirts of Hamilton, Ohio,  
Ironton, Ohio, or  
A point on the Ohio and Indiana border.

instructing that Mr. Hermer be immediately interviewed to obtain specific information in connection with the subject matter of his letter and that appropriate leads which might warrant attention of interest of offices be set out.

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Please be advised that Special Agent F. F. Yearsley interviewed Morris Hermer, 660 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, on October 6, 1935. Hermer resides at 1624 Burlington Avenue, St. Petersburg, in a modest home, and is the manager of the May Dress Shop at 660 Central Avenue. He has been in the City of St. Petersburg for approximately three years. Prior to coming to that point he resided in Cleveland, Ohio, and operated a chain of dress stores. This business went into bankruptcy, the details of which were not secured. He is a native of Libau, Russia, coming to the United States in 1903, and on January 3, 1924, at Cleveland, Ohio, received his final citizenship papers, which he displayed. He is 45 years of age, 5' 8" in height, weighs 160 pounds, medium build, gray hair - curly and bushy, eyes brown, olive complexion, smooth shaven, good teeth, American (naturalized) of Russian Jewish extraction.

Hermer stated that during the spring of 1932, particularly January, February and March, he was an investigator employed by the

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Sheriff at Cincinnati, Ohio, and worked with Joe Schaefer of the same office, who was formerly Chief of Detectives of the Cincinnati Police Department. Further that he investigated the well known "DAGO RED and BOB ZWIG" case, which involved crimes of murder, bank robbery, et cetera.

At this point Hermer inquired of Agent Yearaley if he had a photograph of ALVIN KARPIS. Agent Yearaley then exhibited to him the strip of photographs of the Bremer kidnappers, with the names deleted. Whereupon, he selected the photographs of ARTHUR BARKER, FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL as persons who resembled Karpis, that is the ALVIN KARPIS he alleges he observed in Ohio, as will be related hereinafter. He did not select the photograph of Karpis, and stated that it did not look like the man known to him as Alvin Karpis.

Hermer then related that some time ago he had noticed several Wanted notices in the Post Office at Tampa, Florida, among which he recalled ALVIN KARPIS and one BARR, the latter wanted somewhere in the West upon a mail fraud charge, which prompted him to correspond with James H. Beary in Jacksonville on September 18, 1935.

Hermer stated that in 1932 when he was investigating the above cases in Ohio he contacted one VAN NESS, who resides on Morris Road, some two or three miles out of Hamilton, Ohio, and had heard this man Van Ness speak of Alvin Karpis. Further, while passing from one room to another in the Van Ness home he observed Alvin Karpis in another room with several other persons, none of whom were known to Hermer. It is here noted that Hermer could not identify the photograph of Karpis when displayed to him but nevertheless he insists he saw Karpis as above noted.

He further states that after completing his work at the Van Ness home he proceeded to a filling station operated by one M. AURADEN, located in Hamilton, Ohio, where he alleges Karpis and his gang then hung out and purchased their gasoline and auto supplies. Further, that his investigation also took him to Eaton, Ohio, and to a "joint" on the Richman Pike near the State line just outside of Eaton, Ohio, which "joint" is on the right hand side of the road, and is owned and operated by a very large man, and this joint is a hang-out for many tough gangsters, including Karpis. This large man, whose name Hermer could not recall, also has a large home just outside of Hamilton, Ohio, between the Mason and Dierfield Road, where Karpis and other underworld characters hide out. This large man was described by Hermer as being about 48 years old, more than six feet tall, weighing more than 200 pounds, very large build, dark hair and dark eyes; no glasses; smooth shaven.

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Hermer further explained that if the Postmaster of Hamilton, Ohio, is contacted he can give information about a man who worked for the only paper company in Hamilton, and who worked with Hermer on the Dago Red and Bob Zwig case. Hermer cannot recall the name of this individual, the name of the paper company for which he worked, or any details of value, adding that the man would have probably changed a great deal by this time and he could not describe him fully because he had worked with so many people on this case it was difficult for him to remember them all.

Hermer also advised that the Chief of Police at Ashland, Kentucky, has a brother-in-law, name unknown, who resides in Ironton, Ohio, who is an associate of Karpis, adding that he, Hermer, had recognized Karpis at the home of this brother-in-law with two other men. Further, that one Hays, of Covington, Kentucky, was an associate of Karpis and other underworld characters, and that he was the man who had taken Bob Zwig to a hospital when he had been shot.

Agent Yearsley questioned Hermer in detail concerning these details but he was unable to supply more definite information, descriptions, addresses, et cetera. The information supplied by Hermer was from his recollection. He volunteered that it would be difficult for a stranger to locate any of the persons or places mentioned, but that he would be glad to receive an appointment to work for the Government and endeavor to locate Alvin Karpis in the State of Ohio.

Concerning the man BARR, Hermer informed that he had a son in Columbus, Ohio, and that he visited him on various occasions, adding that the Sheriff at Columbus has all of this information.

Agent Yearsley advised that he was unable to pin Hermer down, and all of the information supplied was very vague and merely general allegations, all based upon Hermer's investigation of the Dago Red case. In Agent Yearsley's opinion, Hermer has a "detective complex" and, more than anything else, desires a position as a "detective" and undoubtedly has a very vivid imagination.

Hermer stated that he was working under cover on the above noted cases and that persons contacted by him did not know his identity. He could not give a complete description of Karpis, nor could he furnish a description of the "joints" he referred to, stating that they were just "joints", and could not otherwise describe them, but felt sure that if employed he could locate them if he were sent to Ohio.

Agent Yearsley informs that the dress shop operated by Hermer in St. Petersburg is the type found in the Bowery in the lower east side

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of New York City.

It is not believed that the information furnished by this informant is of any value whatsoever. Possibly an attempt to confirm the connection of Hermer with the office of the Sheriff of Cincinnati, Ohio, might definitely clear up this matter and eliminate any further inquiry or investigation.

It is suggested that the Cincinnati Office confer with the Sheriff's Office in Cincinnati in an endeavor to obtain some information relative to Hermer's knowledge of the characters referred to in this connection.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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2 Chicago (Mr. Connelley)  
2 St. Paul  
2 Cleveland  
2 Indianapolis.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/4/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/26, 30/35 10/1/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. R. RAMSEY - MP</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-ARMS ACT.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ray Green, 3617 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, California, is not subject Karpis.


**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Portland Office dated September 25, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

At San Francisco, California.

Immediately upon receipt of letter of reference Agent communicated with Mrs. M. Martin, National Automobile Theft Bureau, San Francisco, who caused a check to be made with reference to Chrysler Sedan, Motor No. CM-37356, 1935 California license No. 9-D-9863, allegedly registered to Ray Green, 3617 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, California.

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This check developed that an operator's license No. A-876871 was issued February 17, 1930, to Ray Green, 5015 I Street, Sacramento, California, wherein he was described as 21, six feet, 170 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, date of birth October 6, 1908.

This check also developed that an additional operator's license, No. B-780494, had been issued February 13, 1932, to Ray Green, 2423 41st Street, Sacramento, with identical description as noted above with the exception of age, which was noted as 25 years.

The records reflected that a chauffeur's license had been issued January 4, 1934, to Ray Green of 5016 10th Avenue, Sacramento with identical description as noted above with the exception of age, which was given as 25 years.

Mrs. Martin ascertained that the above referred to Chrysler had been sold to Ray Green of 2617 Stockton Blvd. as second hand on May 1, 1935, transfer of the 1935 license being made on May 10th with the legal owner as the Commercial Discount Company, 1414 16th Street, Sacramento.

Through the Sacramento representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, Mrs. Martin secured tracings of the signature of Ray Green contained on all of the operator's licenses referred to above as well as on the application for registration of the above referred to Chrysler Sedan and it was noted that all of these signatures appeared to be identical and written by the same person; the owner of instant Chrysler Sedan apparently being identical with the person to whom the operator's licenses had been issued in previous years.

Inasmuch as this Ray Green has apparently resided in Sacramento, California, for the past five years and does not fit the description of subject Karpis, no further investigation is being conducted with regard to the possibility that he might be a subject of this case, unless otherwise instructed by the office of origin.

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**October 7, 1935.**

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim - KID-  
NAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to letter of the Chicago office under date of July 26, 1935 indicating that the Chicago office was in possession of \$1143.47, property of Volney Davis, being the money taken from his person at the time he was apprehended the first time at Kansas City, Missouri, and at which time there was also in his possession a one hundred dollar counterfeit bill.

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Subsequent authority of the Bureau authorized the surrender of this \$100.00 counterfeit bill to the United States Secret Service at Chicago, which was done. It is noted in the letter of June 14, 1935 of the St. Paul office that on June 14, 1935 the United States Attorney George Sullivan instructed that the personal property of Volney Davis be surrendered to him, particularly referring to that in possession of the Chicago Bureau office.

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In view of the recent valuable cooperation rendered by Volney Davis to the Bureau in connection with information which he has furnished, it is believed desirable that if agreeable to the Bureau and the U.S. Attorney at St. Paul, this money, in the absence of any identification of same as being ransom money, should be surrendered to Volney Davis or his designated representative, and it is requested therefore that you please immediately advise if the Bureau is agreeable that Chicago forward this money to the Kansas City office in order that they may arrange for the return of same to Davis. I understand that he desires this money to furnish certain things to his parents who are in need of same, and it is believed that this might further promote his close cooperation with the Bureau.

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CC Kansas City; St. Paul; Cincinnati  
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Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 24, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1212, et al,  
Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

With reference to your letter of October 7, 1935, the Bureau observes that there is now in the possession of the Chicago Office the sum of \$1,143.47, which is the property of Volney Davis, the same having been taken from him when he was apprehended on February 6, 1935 at Kansas City, Missouri.

In view of the statement of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota to the effect that this personal property should be returned to Volney Davis, the Bureau concurs in your opinion in regard thereto. The Bureau feels, however, that a signed statement should be obtained from Davis as to whether he desires this money to be turned over to prison authorities for his own use, or desires that the money be delivered to a person to be designated by him.

The Kansas City Office should, therefore, follow the above suggestion and after the wishes of Davis have been ascertained and a signed statement obtained from him relative thereto, the money can then be transmitted by the Chicago Office to the Kansas City Office for such disposition as is designated by Volney Davis. - E -

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC St. Paul  
Kansas City  
Cincinnati



1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 2, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, 1934 Model,  
Motor #63450, seized from Harry  
Campbell.

Under date of September 4, 1935 this office acknowledged receipt from the Detroit office of the above described car which, under Bureau instructions, was to be returned to the United States District Court for appropriate disposition.

On September 4, 1935 after a conference with United States Attorney E. B. Freed this office directed a communication to the said United States Attorney forwarding to him the bill of sale for the said car and requesting that appropriate action be initiated with the view to effecting the disposal of the car by sale. On October 2, 1935 the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, after diligent search of authorities, directed a communication to this office, a copy of which is attached hereto, wherein it will be noted that he suggests that this car be disposed of in the manner provided for the disposition of property belonging to the United States and in the custody of the Bureau. It might be indicated that Honorable E. L. Fitch, Assistant United States Attorney, who handled the matter of attempting to effect a disposition of this car through the courts of Cleveland, advised that he had also discussed this matter with United States District Court Judge West, who indicated that the court, at the present time, has no jurisdiction with reference to ordering a disposition, other than as already been made of the said car.

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Final order was issued by the court at Cleveland, Ohio vesting title to this car in the United States. The car is presently the property of the United States and it is the view of the United States Attorney here that this car can only be disposed of in the manner provided for the disposition of surplus property of the United States.

It will be appreciated if the Bureau will advise what steps should be taken by this office to effect the sale, or other disposition of the said car. The car is, at the present time, being stored in the Metropolitan Garage at Cleveland, Ohio.

It will be appreciated if immediate advice in the premises is furnished to this office.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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September 25, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases—FUGITIVE—  
I. O. #1218; et al -  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING; etc.

Please be advised that yesterday Eugene Bowling of Salem, Arkansas, a nephew of subject Phoenix Donald alias William Weaver, and other aliases, who now has charge of Weaver's property near Allandale, Florida, called at the Jacksonville office to obtain papers relating to Weaver's Oldsmobile sedan and Ford pick-up truck which were located in the garage on the premises when Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were apprehended by Bureau Agents on September 1, 1935. Certain papers pertaining to aforementioned cars were found by investigating Bureau Agents in the dash compartment of the Oldsmobile sedan. I refused to turn the papers over to Mr. Bowling, telling him that the investigation in this matter had not as yet been completed.

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The following are the papers referred to:

New Car Order of Motor Sales Co., Johnson City, Tenn., dated 3-15-35, for Oldsmobile 6, Model 1935, Touring Sedan; cash delivered price of \$972.50, used allowance of \$560.00 on Chevrolet 1934 Master Sedan, cash on delivery \$412.50; buyer: Mrs. J. W. (Jane) Osborne, Clyde, Ohio (buyer's signature).

Owner Identification Card - Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Clyde, Ohio - from Motor Sales Co., Johnson City, Tenn., 3/15/35, for Oldsmobile touring sedan, serial no. TS-121752, engine no. F 424262, signed Motor Sales Co., by Minnie Breeden.

1935 Certificate of Automobile Registration, State of Tennessee - License No. 151-912 for Oldsmobile, motor no. F 424262 - in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, 517 Maple Street, Johnson City, Tenn.

1935 Florida Automobile Registration Card - in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Rollins Hotel, 312 W. Forsyth St., Duval County, Jacksonville, Florida, for Oldsmobile touring sedan, engine no. F 424262, 1935 model - dated 3-19-35 - tag no. D 18-088.

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To the Director

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Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title, State of Florida, dated at Tallahassee, Fla., April 9, 1935, Appn. No. 408698, Cert. No. 990298, for Oldsmobile touring sedan, engine no. F 424262, model F 35, year 1935, serial no. TS121752, in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Rollins Hotel, 412 W. Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Certificate of Passenger Car Registration for 1934, Ohio Department of Highways—Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Reg. No. 140-582, fee paid \$5.00, in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Clyde, Ohio, for Chevrolet 1934 sedan, motor no. 4482615, factory no. 1DA06-43592, issued July 25, 1934, Cert. No. G 173.

Certificate of Passenger Car Registration for 1935, Ohio Department of Highways—Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Reg. No. 729 DH, in name of Mrs. J. W. Osborne, Dennison Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, for Chevrolet sedan, motor no. 4482615, serial no. 1DA06-43592, fee paid \$10.00, issued January 12, 1935, Cert. No. E 296639.

Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title, State of Florida, dated at Tallahassee, Fla., Apr. 8, 1935, Appn. No. 533003, Cert. No. 639911-A, for Ford pickup, engine number A 276856, Model A, year 1928, in name of J. M. White, P. O. Box 821, Port Orange, Fla.

They are being enclosed, and it is respectfully requested that four photostatic copies of each be made and sent this office together with the originals.

The Bureau's advice is requested concerning the turning over of the aforementioned papers to Weaver's nephew, Eugene Bowling. Mr. Bowling stated that he had a communication from his uncle instructing that he call at this office for these documents.

Very truly yours,

  
R. A. Alt,

Special Agent in Charge

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cc St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
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CERT. No.  
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# MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

STATE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. Apr 8, 1935

SATISFACTORY PROOF HAVING BEEN MADE UNDER CHAPTER 9187, ACTS OF 1923, THAT TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IS VESTED IN THE OWNER NAMED BELOW. THIS OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS ISSUED FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NAME AND MAKE Ford TYPE Pickup WHEELS wire  
ENGINE NUMBER A 276856 MODEL A CYLS 4  
SERIAL NO. YEAR OF MAKE 1928 OTHER DESCRIPTIVE FEATURES

LIENS None (Kind of Liens)

NAME: J M White  
ADDRESS: P O Box 821  
Port Orange, Florida



*Grönwider*  
Acting Motor Vehicle Commissioner

ROSE PRINTING COMPANY, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 2994

APPN. No.  
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# MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

STATE OF FLORIDA

April 9 1935

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

SATISFACTORY PROOF HAVING BEEN MADE UNDER CHAPTER 9187, ACTS OF 1923, THAT TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IS VESTED IN THE OWNER NAMED BELOW. THIS OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS ISSUED FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NAME AND MAKE Oldsmobile TYPE Touring Sedan WHEELS steel  
ENGINE NUMBER F424262 MODEL F 35 CYLS 6  
SERIAL NO. T8131752 YEAR OF MAKE 1935 OTHER DESCRIPTIVE FEATURES

LIENS None (Kind of Liens)

NAME:  
ADDRESS: Mrs J.W. Osborne  
Rollins Hotel 412 W. Forsyth St  
Jacksonville Florida



*Grönwider*  
Acting Motor Vehicle Commissioner

ROSE PRINTING COMPANY, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 5188



**CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION 1935  
STATE OF TENNESSEE**

License No. 1-413 State Fee \$ 1.50  
7424262 Clerk's Fee \$ 2.50  
 Total \$ 4.00

Make of Car ( ) Motor No. ( )  
 Year Model 1935 Type Body ( ) Old (X) New ( )  
 Owner's Name Wm J W Osborne  
517 Maple  
City County W

Signature of Owner.

This is to certify that the vehicle above described is duly registered with the Department of Finance and Taxation, State of Tennessee.

3-15-35

Daney Ford  
 Commissioner.

Edw Jell County Wash  
 County Court Clerk.

It is necessary that correct motor number and horsepower be given. It should retain a copy of registration.

Olds 1935  
 Number 7424262  
 e Number 151-912

**NEW CAR ORDER**

DEALER'S NAME Motor Sales Co  
 ADDRESS Johnson City Tenn  
 DATE 3-15-35

PLEASE ENTER MY ORDER FOR ONE  
 MAKE Olds 6 MODEL 1935 TYPE Del Tour  
 MOTOR NO. SERIAL NO. TO BE DELIVERED at once

CASH DELIVERED PRICE	972.50
EXTRA EQUIPMENT	
TAX	
TOTAL DELIVERED PRICE	972.50
DEPOSIT ON ORDER	
USED CAR ALLOWANCE \$	560.00
LESS: BAL DUE ON MY CAR \$	
CASH ON DELIVERY	412.50
RECORD OF CAR TRADED IN	
MAK <u>Cher-Muth</u> YEAR <u>1934</u> TOTAL CREDIT	972.50
MOTOR NO. TYPE <u>Del</u> BALANCE DUE	412.50
SERIAL NO. MODEL FINANCE CHARGES	
	AMOUNT OF CONTRACT

TO BE PAID IN Cash PAYMENTS OF \$        EACH

It is agreed that this car is purchased by me, subject to the Manufacturer's Warranty which is printed on the reverse side hereof and is a part of this order and agreed to the same. If it were printed herein above my signature, and it is the only Warranty either expressed or implied made under this order. The price listed above is for immediate delivery. If the price should be increased before I have taken delivery, this order shall be construed as if the increased price was originally inserted. If this order is cancelled, the Dealer reserves the right to retain all deposits sufficient to cover liquidating damages. The title to the car to be delivered to me shall remain with you until the price is paid to you in full. I certify that I am 21 years of age or over, that the car I am trading in is my property and free from all encumbrances whatever, except balance due as noted above. This order is not valid unless signed and accepted by an officer of this Company and purchaser's credit has been O.K'd by Finance Company as to any deferred balance.

BUYER'S SIGNATURE J. W. Osborne  
 ADDRESS Clyde Ohio PHONE         
 ACCEPTED        SALESMAN  
 (DEALER'S SIGNATURE)

FORM 77 COMFORT SPECIALTY CO., ST. LOUIS, MO. (ALL RIGHTS RESERVED)

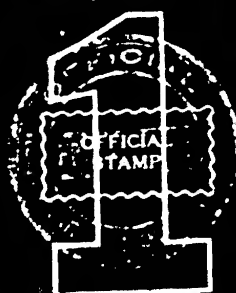
# OWNER IDENTIFICATION CARD

This is to certify that  
Mr. J. W. Osborne  
312 W. Forsyth St.  
Duval  
3-19-35  
John W. Osborne  
3/15/35  
 took delivery of Oldsmobile car, Model 4482615  
 and is entitled to receive PROMPT, EFFICIENT and COURTEOUS service from ANY AUTHORIZED OLDSMOBILE SERVICE STATION. Upon presentation of this card is also entitled to receive service in accordance with the terms of the Standard Oldsmobile Owner Service Policy.



FEE PAID

\$10.00



## Certificate of Passenger Car Registration

Reg. No. 729DH  
 Name Mrs. J. W. Osborne  
 Street or P. O. R. R. Duval  
 P. O. Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Make of Car Chevrolet Type  Sedan H. P. 26.3  
 Motor No. 4482615 Serial No. 12406436  
 Issued by Robert H. Hark Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles.  
 At CINCINNATI, Ohio,  
 on the JAN. 12 day of 1935, 1935.  
 Cert. No. E 296639

## 1935—FLORIDA AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION CARD—1935

Owner Mrs. J. W. Osborne Tag No. 17-17  
 Street Address Hollins Hotel  
 County Duval City Jax FLORIDA  
 Date 3-19-35 Make of Car Oldsmobile Type Touring Sedan  
 Engine No. FL21262 Pass. Capacity 5 Weight ---  
 T. C. No. Appl Date Acquired 3-15-35 Year Made 1935  
 Model F 35 Serial No. TS121752 34 Tag No. New  
 Use Pri No. Wheels 5  
 Amt. Sent with Appn. \$ 15.00  
 Additional Paid \$ ---  
 lbs. @ --- per cwt. \$ ---  
 Pas. @ --- each. \$ ---  
 Back Tax \$ ---

### MAIL PLATE TO:

Address RM  
 Motor Vehicle Commissioner  
 Tallahassee  
 Florida  
 Credit No. ---

Reg. No. 140-582  
 Name George White  
 Street ---  
 P. O. ---  
 Make of Car 1934 Type Sedan  
 Motor No. 4482615  
 Factory No. 18406436 H. P. 26.3  
 Issued by E. M. BARNHART, JR. Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles.  
 At INDIANAPOLIS, Ohio,  
 on the 25 day of July, 1934.  
 Cert. No. G 173

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 \$5.00

## Certificate of Passenger Car Registration for 1934

Department of Highways—Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
 Director George White  
 Governor W. H. Maxwell  
 1934

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October 9, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

In keeping with the request contained in your letter of September 25, 1935, I am forwarding herewith four photostatic copies of certain papers which were found in the dashboard compartment of William Weaver's Oldsmobile sedan by Agents of the Jacksonville Office. The originals of these papers are returned herewith and copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Cincinnati and St. Paul Offices, and to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, so that they may be advised as to the location of these papers in the event they are desired for purposes of trial.

The originals of these papers should not be turned over to Eugene Seeling of Salem, Arkansas, and he should be advised that these papers must be retained in the possession of the Bureau until after the trials of William Weaver and Kyrle Eaton. He may be informed that after that time, if the United States Attorneys for the District of Minnesota and the Southern District of Florida have no further use for such papers, they will be delivered to him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Enclosure 826794.

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CC Cincinnati  
St. Paul

Mr. Connelley at Chicago

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- Miss Gandy .....

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FBI CHICAGO                      OCTOBER 6 1935      12-18 PM FVV  
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 PHONE. BREKID. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS OF IMPORTANCE.  
 AGENT D. P. SULLIVAN OCTOBER 5, 1935 PROCEEDED TOLEDO TO ORLANDO  
 FOR GRAND JURY.

CONNELLEY

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PHONE BREKID DETERMINE IDENTITY E F PARKER DRIVING THIRTY FIVE  
HUDSON COUPE OHIO LICENSE H372M MOTOR 60348 PURCHASED AUGUST FIRST LAST  
FROM MANNING MARINO COMPANY YOUNGSTOWN OHIO CASH PAYMENT STATE REGIS-  
TRATION RECORDS SHOW PARKER RESIDES 323 N PHELPS STREET YOUNGSTOWN.  
POLICE ADVISED UNKNOWN THERE PARKER ALSO USED NAME HUNTER AND REPORTED  
TO BE CLEVELAND GAMBLER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ONE GEORGE LAST NAME  
UNKNOWN DRIVING SIMILAR CAR WITH OHIO LICENSE H85M ALSO ACCOMPANIED  
BY TOMMY COLMAN AND HAROLD KING ALL REPORTED CLEVELAND GAMBLERS  
ALL RECENTLY IN HOT SPRINGS ARKANSAS UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 9, 1935.

Copy and Specimens Retained in Laboratory  
10/12/35

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

As a result of the cover placed on the mail of Arthur Barker, register number 46928, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, there is being transmitted herewith the original letter from Arthur Barker to G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, for appropriate analysis by the Technical Laboratory.

A copy of this letter is being transmitted to the offices designated below together with copy of the enclosure.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*  
W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago (Encl.)  
cc - St. Paul (Encl.)  
cc - Cincinnati (Encl.)

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*REP*

(Copy of letter addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, P.O.B. 724, from Arthur Barker, #46928, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.)

"Post Office Box 7

Leavenworth, Kansas, Sept. 15th, 1935.

Mr. G. E. Barker

Dear Dad I will anser your letter recevied the other day. was glad to hear you were in Better health. This leave me feeling ok. about that agreement on that money. hou was that I did not want no agreement on it they wanted to come to and agreement with me. that is to take half of it I would not do it. There is no way they could of got it. I guess that the way I guess that is the way your attorney came to and agreement with. Hou much was their fee as I told you befor I dont want you to give that attorney nothing in St. paul for he has been payed in full. and beside he got one of my cars he was not to of got. I want to see you as soon as you are abel to come up well Dad I will close for this tine your son as ever

/s/ Arthur Barker.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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# 6333

Laboratory Report

Case: Brekid

Number: 7-576-7635

Specimens: 7-576-7635 A. Original letter dated Sept. 15, 1935 and signed  
Arthur Barker.  
" B. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker with  
register No. 46928.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: 10-12-35

Examination requested: Fring out hidden writing

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

cc- (Mr. Connelley) Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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Gordon James -*

October 22, 1935

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7-576-7635

Mr. W. A. Smith,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #4335  
in connection with the case entitled, Alvin Karpis with  
aliases - Fugitive I.O. 1818, et al.; Edward G. Bremer -  
Victim, Kidnaping.

In accordance with your request, the following  
specimens are returned herewith, photographic copies of  
same having been made for the completion of our files:

- A. Original letter dated September 15,  
1935 to Mr. G. E. Barker and signed  
"Arthur Barker".
- B. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker  
with register #46928 appearing thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #376049

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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Chicago

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, October 5, 1935, wherein a lead was set out to contact Richard Galatas and interview him along the lines suggested in the report of Special Agent A. A. Mussey, Detroit, Michigan, dated May 13, 1935.

From a review of the file in this case at the Kansas City Office, I am unable to locate a copy of Agent Mussey's report above described.

Through a teletype received from the Omaha Bureau Office in the Kansas City massacre case it was noted that Galatas was at Omaha, Nebraska, on October 7, 1935, in connection with the arguments in his appeal before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in that case. On October 8, 1935, through the cooperation of Galatas' attorney, Mr. James Daleo of Kansas City, Missouri, Galatas was located by phone late that evening, at which time Galatas advised he might leave Kansas City that night, October 8, 1935, or the following day, to return to his home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He stated that he might, however, remain over a little longer in connection with some business dealings here. However, he promised that immediately upon returning to Arkansas he would get in touch with Special Agent R. C. Coulter.

It is therefore requested that the lead set out in Agent Coulter's report above described be covered by your office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WES:os  
cc - Bureau  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - Cincinnati  
cc - Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
cc - Oklahoma City



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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 9, 1935.

Fred C. Zerbst, Warden  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: E. H. Kerkholdt, Secretary

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
September 17, 1935, enclosing the original letter written by  
Arthur Barker, #5928, to his father, G.E. Barker, Joplin,  
Missouri.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your cooperation  
in this and other matters, I am

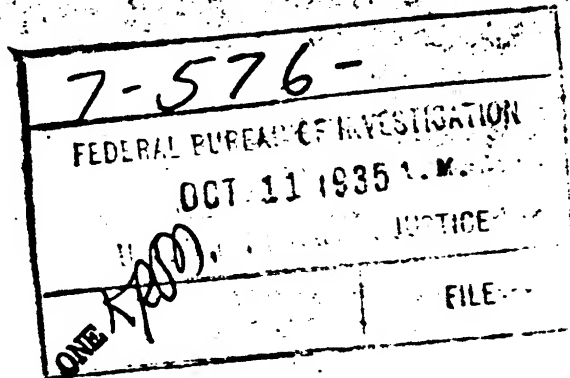
Very truly yours,

E. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

ALH:cc

cc - Bureau

Re: <sup>6</sup> Alvin Karpis, with aliases - Fug., et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 9, 1935.

Mr. F. G. Zerkst, Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

ATTENTION: Mr. E. H. Bokholdt.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters which  
you forwarded to this office relative to mail of Elmer Farmer,  
your number 47103:

Your letter dated September 28, 1935, enclosing a copy of two letters  
from Helen Conliff to Farmer, dated September 22nd and 26th, 1935,  
respectively;

Your letter dated September 30, 1935, enclosing copy of letter from  
Farmer to Helen Conliff, dated September 29, 1935, and copy of letter  
from Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated September 30, 1935;

Your letter dated October 2, 1935, enclosing copy of letter from  
Helen Conliff to Farmer dated September 28, 1935;

Your letter dated October 4, 1935, enclosing letter from Blanche  
Brabant to Farmer, dated October 2, 1935;

Your letter dated October 4, 1935, enclosing a copy of two letters  
written from Helen Conliff to Farmer, both dated October 2, 1935.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10/9/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>10/9/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. L. NICHOLSON</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Commissioner's hearing on removal of Cassius McDonald postponed until October 14, 1935.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, Michigan, 9/30/35.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>At Detroit, Michigan</b>			
<p>The Commissioner's hearing on the removal of Cassius McDonald to St. Paul, Minnesota, which was scheduled to be held on October 8, 1935, was postponed on motion of the attorney for McDonald to October 14, 1935.</p> <p>Special Agents J. H. Hansen and S. K. McKee, who are necessary witnesses at Detroit for the removal of McDonald have been advised of the change of date for the removal hearing.</p>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p>RECEIVED COPIES DESTROYED MAR 24 1965</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>PENDING</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>OCT 11 1935</p>  </div> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. L. Nicholson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>7-576-7636</b> <b>OCT 11 1935</b>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Bureau - 5 St. Paul - 3 (1 U.S. Atty. St. Paul) Cincinnati - 2 Chicago - 2 Detroit - 3 (1 U.S. Atty. Detroit) DLN:vss		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>UNITED STATES <b>OCT 11 A.M.</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>OCT 12 1935</b></p> </div> </div>	

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FBI CHICAGO 10-8-35 10-31 PM LEM

DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. NO DEVELOPMENTS AS TO CONTACT. [REDACTED]

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*Adm. B. [illegible]*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

FILE NO. 91-4

REPORT MADE AT <b>Louisville, Kentucky</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-8-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-3-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>P. E. HURLEY</b>
TITLE <b>EDWARD WILHELM BENTZ, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1242; AVERY SIMONS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1247; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (3); FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MOORESVILLE, MOORESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>BANK ROBBERY</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Mrs. Walter (Georgette) Marsh, Louisville, Ky., former wife of the deceased Gus Winkler, states that "Old Chuck" Fitzgerald and "Old Gus" Stone, known as "Schmozzle" to her, are different persons, but have been members of the same gang. "Old Gus's" history is not known to her. Advises that same is known to Lillian Holden who is in close touch with Fitzgerald. Mrs. Marsh desires to obtain the address of Lillian Holden in order to communicate with her. Gus Stone believed dead. Whereabouts of "Old Chuck" and "Old Gus" Stone are not known to her. Subjects Bentz and Simons are not known to Mrs. Marsh.</b>			
RUC.			
REFERENCES: <b>Letter from the Chicago Office dated 8-9-35; Bureau letter dated 8-14-35; and report of Special Agent M. J. Cassidy, Chicago, Ill., dated 8-19-35.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.</b>			
<b>Agent again interviewed Mrs. Walter (Georgette) Marsh, former wife of the deceased Gus Winkler, Chicago gangster, at her place of business, the Triangle Restaurant, 1604 Bardstown Road, Louisville.</b>			
<b>Mrs. Marsh stated that she has been unable to ascertain the identity of the woman known in this investigation as "Ginger"; that she</b>			
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was of the opinion that it was Lillian Holden because of the fact that the latter has red or auburn hair. Mrs. Marsh also advised that she is very well acquainted with Charles J. Fitzgerald, a gangster better known as "Old Chuck"; that Fitzgerald and his wife, Isabelle "Belle" (Born) Fitzgerald, were very good friends of Gus Winkler prior to the latter's death; that Fitzgerald, a member of the syndicate made up of former members of the Al Capone gang of racketeers, has made it a point for years to pay Lillian Holden an allotted sum of money as the wife of an imprisoned gangster; that Fitzgerald personally attends, or has attended to, this matter; that by locating Lillian Holden and "tagging" her it should be comparatively easy to locate and effect the arrest of Fitzgerald. Mrs. Marsh admitted that she has no ill feelings for Fitzgerald because of any unfair act he may have committed toward Gus Winkler or herself; that she would be willing to "turn him in" to the Bureau, however, only because she has grown bitter toward all racketeers. Mrs. Marsh advised that Isabelle (Born) Fitzgerald is a very clever woman; that she has for some time been delegated by her husband to map out roads and get-a-way routes for him and his companions in bank robbing activities; that she "rides" all of the roads favorable to an escape and has been so skillful in this connection that her husband and his associates have complete confidence in her work; that Mrs. Fitzgerald quite often visits her farm which is located near Mankato, Minnesota. Mrs. Marsh admitted that she knew all of the activities of Lillian Holden, Fitzgerald and his wife, and other members of the gang prior to her departure from Chicago with the intention of making her home in Louisville; that she has not been in direct touch with any of them since that time; that she and Lillian Holden are still friendly; that should she be given the address of Lillian, Mrs. Marsh would write to Lillian immediately and urge her to visit Louisville; that by engaging Lillian in direct conversation, Mrs. Marsh feels certain that she can gain valuable information as to the present whereabouts of "Old Chuck" Fitzgerald and the latter's wife whom she claims to despise. Furthermore, Mrs. Marsh stated that she would very willingly cooperate with the Bureau in this connection; that she would not hesitate to "turn in" any of the Fitzgerald gang or members of any other gang; that she would not hesitate to meet Bureau representatives in Chicago for this purpose at her own expense.

Mrs. Marsh continued to state that she is aware of the fact that "Old Chuck" Fitzgerald and "Old Gus", better known to her as "Old Schnozzle", are two different persons. She advised that Fitzgerald and Gus Winkler were golfing pals although Fitz was very poor at the game;

that Chuck was intensely interested in Golfing and as a consequence, "his game" was tolerated by Winkeler and other sporting leaders of the gang at that time; that "Old Gus", however, never played golf but always made it a point to remain in as obscure environments as possible until his services were wanted; that "Old Gus", or "Schnozzle", as she prefers to call him, was a very shrewd fellow who dressed inconspicuously and never visited golf clubs, or attended cabarets or night clubs. Mrs. Marsh is of the opinion that "Old Gus" is dead but is not certain that such is a fact. She stated that during a past conversation with Frank Pierce, a Lieutenant of "Lefty Louie" of Chicago, Pierce stated that Gus had been "rubbed out"; that she has never believed anything that Pierce told her and therefore, does not place any confidence in his statement; that she has since learned, however, of an indication that Gus either actually died or was "rubbed out". In this latter connection, Mrs. Marsh advised that one "Buck" Kempster, (or some such named person), a former member of the Illinois State Hi-Way Patrol, whom Mrs. Marsh states is well known at the Chicago Bureau Office, can definitely furnish information as to "Old Gus", particularly as to whether he is dead or alive. Mrs. Marsh seemed certain that "Old Gus", a Dutchman, underwent a surgical operation some time ago and had his nose straightened. She claims that the personal history of "Schnozzle" is not known to her; that this information might be learned by her from Lillian Holden in the event that she is able to contact the latter. Mrs. Marsh advised that "Old Gus" and "Schnozzle" are the same persons.

Agent tactfully intimated that Irene Dorsey, wife of the deceased Fred Goetz, knew nothing as to the identity of "Old Gus", sometimes known as Stone. Mrs. Marsh stated in an irritated manner that "Irene is a liar. She knows every member of that gang and all about them. She has been in or near Chicago ever since the death of Goetz. She is on their pay-roll, as the wife of a deceased gangster. She knows all about them and is keeping herself well informed. She doesn't intend to tell the "dicks" anything she can avoid. She cannot be trusted to tell the truth to them. Possibly she may in fear of some of the gangsters, but it is more likely that she does not care to tell on any of them.

Mrs. Marsh again stated that she does not know Subjects Bents or Simons.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, is requested to ascertain the address of Mrs. Lillian Holden, wife of Thomas Holden, a prisoner at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in order that same may be given to Mrs. Walter (Georgette) Marsh, Louisville, Kentucky, with whom the latter desires to communicate. In the event it is obtained, same should be forwarded to the Louisville Office for further attention.

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November 11, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
V. A. Hurley, dated at Louisville, Kentucky, October 6, 1935,  
in the case entitled Edward Wilhelm Bents, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1242; Ivory Simon, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. #1247; Unknown Subjects (3); First National Bank of  
Mooreville, Mooreville, North Carolina; Bank Robbery, which  
discloses a recent interview with Mrs. Walter (Georgette)  
Marsh, the former wife of the deceased Gus Winkler, Chicago  
gangster.

The Bureau observes that Mrs. Marsh has advised that  
by "tagging" Lillian Holden it would be comparatively easy to  
locate and effect the arrest of Charles J. Fitzgerald. She has  
also expressed a willingness to turn Fitzgerald in to the Bureau.  
Mrs. Marsh has further informed that she and Lillian Holden are  
still friendly, and that if she were given the address of Lillian  
Holden she would gladly write to the latter and urge the Holden  
woman to visit her at Louisville, Kentucky; that by engaging  
Lillian Holden in direct conversation, Mrs. Marsh feels certain  
that she can gain valuable information as to the present where-  
abouts of Fitzgerald. It is also observed that Mrs. Marsh says  
that she would willingly cooperate with the Bureau, and that she  
would not hesitate to meet Bureau representatives in Chicago for  
this purpose at her own expense.

The Bureau desires that you give immediate consideration  
to the information contained in the Louisville report to the end

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of making appropriate use of the services which Mrs. Marsh is apparently willing to tender to the Bureau. It is believed desirable at this time to furnish the Louisville Office with the address of Lillian Holden, so that Mrs. Marsh may communicate with her. Lillian Holden's address is 1002 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. It is desired that an Agent of the Louisville Office immediately contact Mrs. Marsh, informing her of Lillian Holden's address, and then make arrangements with Mrs. Marsh so that he will be advised of the contents of the letters which Mrs. Marsh desires to transmit to Lillian Holden. It is requested that the Agent making this investigation carefully scrutinize the letters so that no information detrimental to the interests of the Bureau may be contained therein.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul.  
Cincinnati.  
Charlotte.  
Louisville.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218 - FUGITIVE, Et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter dated September 16, 1935,  
relative to the cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer  
Farmer, register number 47103, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and  
to each of the Field Offices designated herein below, copies of  
the following correspondence:

Two letters from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated  
September 22nd and 26th, 1935, respectively;

Letter from Farmer to Helen Conliff dated September 29,  
1935;

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated September  
30, 1935;

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, dated September  
28, 1935;

Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated October  
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Two letters from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, both dated  
October 2, 1935.

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Very truly,  
W. A. Smith  
W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Copy of letter from Helen Conliff sent to Elmer Farmer, #47103, s/o Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minn. and forwarded to this institution.

Postmarked, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 28, 1935.

Friday afternoon.

Dearest Elmer:

I received the surprise of my life when I received your letter from St. Paul. How did you happen to go up there? Did Brennan talk to you or Madola or who? Do you think it will help you to stay up there?

Your letter did not tell me much. What kind of clothes are you wearing? When you write tell me. I know I will come up there to see you, if no other way by bus. You find out if I can get in to see you up there.

I wrote you two letters, one Wednesday and one yesterday, perhaps they will forward them to you. I will write to McLeekon and have him stop in to see you and he might write to me. Did you tell Blanche to send you some money?

I would Elmer, if I could but honestly, honey, I am just getting by here until I can get to working steady. How are you getting along ol' dear? Well, ol' dear, this is rather short, but my other two letters were long ones so perhaps you will have them by this time and I will write you in a day or so as I want to talk to some so answer immediately and I will enclose an airmail stamp for you. Hoping to hear from you soon, will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Are the same men in charge of you up there, that you had when you were there before? I hope so.

Goodbye.

Get Harold to give you his mother's address. I would like to write to her and when you answer enclose it please.

7-576-7638

Copy of letter received by Elmer Farmer, #47103, from Blanche Brabant, postmarked Chicago.

Wednesday Oct. 2.

Dear Elmer:

I just received your letter written the 30th this afternoon, am glad to know you are back there again, I got your letter mailed from Des Moines Monday so I knew you were on your way back. You must have passed through Chicago. Well it was a change for you and it probably did you good. The meals on the train are generally good. I always liked to travel. I got your first letter written on your way up there and the letter written from Leavenworth on the same day. Shub was over that day and I asked him for some money, he gave me \$20. I was going to mail you that but thought you might be sent back before my letter reached you so just put the ten in - I am enclosing \$5 in this letter. He was over again today. I told him you were back there, he said Mr. Dunteman asked for you, how you are and asked if he could write to you. I told him yes, you would be pleased to hear from him and I gave Chub your address to give to him. Mr. Dunteman said, don't think he has forgotten you, he has been so nice, and he will go on your parole, he wants to help you.

Do you think Sullivan would have you transferred to some other place, if it would be closer to Chicago that would be better, otherwise I think from what you say that's a good place where you are. It's nice that you are outside now and working. I'll come and see you after you are working a while and settled. Yes, the "Ford" is still running that was some car, it looks awful. Gifford was going to paint it, but it seems he never has the time, he says it runs fine. I drive it too, but not alone. Gifford is working every day, he gets home about 6:15 now, it's 5 now and I will start dinner. The heavy frost killed our tomatoes last night. It's very cold here. We have the furnace going, everything is going along alright Elmer and I hope you won't have to stay away so long.

Chub didn't answer and to-day he showed me a letter for him to appear in court about it. There is nothing owed to him, you paid McMeekin and I don't think Fisher can collect anymore money on the case. They did not do anything for you. I'll let you know after I see Chub how it turns out.

The Itasca Country Club burned last week, no one was burned, but the building was badly damaged. Well I'll stop now and we may go to Chi tonight, if we do I'll mail this from there and you'll get it sooner. We are well and that's about all the news for this time.

Much love from both of us.

Blanche Brabant.

Copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103, Postmarked Oct. 3.

Wednesday Evening.

Dearest Elmer:

I wrote you a letter this morning and received your very nice letter this afternoon. I was so glad to hear from you. I really was worried and wondered what had happened to you. Did you receive my letter up in St. Paul? I wrote you one immediately upon receiving yours, telling me you were up there. I am glad you enjoyed the trip. Sullivan was nice. I am so glad, but honey, if you were to be transferred where would you go? Nice of him to ask for me. Believe, I will write to him real soon about the pass. You are not one half as anxious to see me as I am to see you. I thought Bill and all the rest of the guards had forgotten me. I really am flattered, I am glad they treated you so nicely, but what else could they do, you were always very nice as usual to them. I am glad that ol' Monte is sick, you know what I always did think of him. I never did call his wife up and she cannot reach me, for which I am glad. I told you in my letter that McMeekin had wrote to me and he asked me to write him and I will as soon as I finish your letter. Looks bad for McMeekin. What about DeCourcy, did you hear anything about him? Gee, honey, I hope you do continue to keep your job and can work. I am sure you will feel so much better if you have something to keep you busy. You are sweet to try and cheer me up. I guess I needed it, but I told you Sue was going to let me have some money and I know then that things will be better for me. I hate to sing the blues to you, but you have always been the one I went to at all times so I guess it just comes natural, so honey, if I bore you at times overlook it. Well, ol' dear, I certainly am glad you are feeling so well. What did you wear on your trip? Tell me when you write. I will come to see you before the holidays of that I am sure, so dearest, we can look forward to that. I guess this is about all for this time. Oh yes, Nick is just about the same, but he is going to write to you, I guess. Well write to me as soon as you can and take good care of yourself. Will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff.

Copy of letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103, Postmarked Oct. 2.

Wednesday Noon.

Dearest Elmer:

I have been looking for a letter from you and I wondered what had happened to you, until this morning when I received a letter from Mr. McMeekin and he told me, he went to see you Monday morning but found that both you and Harold had left St. Paul Sunday. So when you write tell me what its all about, your letter did not tell me much.

Did you have have a nice trip back and forth? I hope you were not too tired. Well, honey I suppose you received both of my letters when you returned to Leavenworth, so there is not very much news to tell you about. I guess from my letters you know that things have been a little tough and I don't know we do not seem to be able to get a start, so I asked Sue to let me have some money and she is going to let me have \$50.00 Saturday and believe me that is going to help a great deal.

You know Sue is that girl from Hanson Park whose husband was killed in that auto accident and she has a little money in the bank. So dearest, my letters should be a little more cheerful from now on. You know the Itasca Country Club burned down last week and I think Jim had some boxes in there. What did they take you all the way to St. Paul for? Give me all the necessary information. You know how curious I am.

I thought if you were going to be in St. Paul I would get up to see you. I surely would like to. I guess I am lonesome for you. What kind of work did they assign you to down there? Well, honey, I guess this is just about all for this time, so write to me as soon as you can and I hope you are getting along nicely. Everyone is just fine and they all say hello to you, so will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

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Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103 - Postmarked  
Sept. 26, 1935.

Tuesday Afternoon (26th)

Dearest Elmer:

I wrote to you yesterday and I told you about the letter I wrote to you Sunday. Well, ol' dear, my uncle was supposed to mail it for me and he just discovered he forgot to mail it so I will mail it now.

It's a cold rainy day and so dark and nasty.

You know I met that Johnny who was a partner of Joe Sullivan's at Madison & Crawford the other night and he was asking all about you and said to say "hello" to you. He has not been able to do a thing since Joe died he said. He has all his boxes down. Well ol' dearest how are you getting along? Has that Brennan been in to see you yet? You must be a very valuable witness to them to send so many to see you. Well, honey there is not very much news to tell you about. I wrote a long letter to you yesterday so you should get it tonight.

What kind of books do you read there? Hoping you are getting along nicely and that I hear from you soon will close with lots of love.

HELEN CONLIFF



Copy.

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, #47103.

Sunday afternoon (22nd)

Dearest Elmer:

I suppose you are writing a letter to me today too, so thought I would write to you. How are you getting along dearest? It's rather cold to-day. Its getting just like fall should be. Well, we never did hear from that woman in regard to the Tavern, you remember I told you about the concession we were supposed to get, so evidently she gave it to someone else. I plan on seeing Sam tomorrow afternoon, however, I plan on going to an Employment agency in the morning. I hope I do get located. Gee, honey, you cannot imagine how hard it is going along without you. I never did realize it could be so hard when I lived in Bensenville but I don't like to "sing the blues" to you so we will skip it. I doubt very much if I will be here very long, honestly Elmer, it is the most depressing place I was ever in. Irene was in to see us yesterday and is quite pleased to be back in Bensenville again. She has started back to school again and is going along O.K. She was telling me Irma Burwood had quite an accident and her and another teacher are in the hospital. She is a dumbbell. I think she needs glasses, you know old age creeping on the gal. Did I tell you before that Ed Muller's sister, Mrs. Koelker, out in Bensenville jumped in the same cistern her daughter committed suicide in about three months ago? You know her and her husband had the hardware store on York Road. Mick is not so very well, you know whenever he eats he chokes up and cannot swallow. He absolutely will not go to see a doctor. He has weak spells too. I wonder if he would be getting a goitre. How is Harold getting along? Do you ever see any of the men you know there? I hope you go to work soon and when you do, believe me I will be down to see you as soon as I can. Well, ol' dear, I guess this is just about all for this time and tho its not a very newsy letter I did want to write to you and let you know I was thinking of you, which I do quite frequently.

I hope you are feeling OK and write as soon as you can so goodbye honey and until I hear from you will close with lots of love

HELEN CONLIFF

Copy.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, 47103, to Helen Conliff, Chicago, Illinois.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Sept. 29, 1935.

Dear Helen:

Received your two letters last night as I came back from St. Paul Sunday morning. I left here Tuesday night six and got in St. Paul eight in the morning. It was a nice trip. Harold was with me, we had a sleeper both ways. I wrote to you from up there. Sullivan wanted to talk to us so that's why we were sent up there. We were in his office every day we were there. We didn't know any of those people in the next trial so that's why he didn't keep us up there any longer. He was real nice and said he would do anything he could to help me. He said he would write to Washington and have me transferred to some other place. He also wanted to know how you were. I didn't see McMeeken while I was there, but was told that he was in bad and may be disbarred up there, so that's a fine lawyer I have. Sullivan told me he was up to see him about me down here. Things seem to be the same in the Ramsey jail all the same guards are there yet and asked about you. Bill wanted to know if you were coming up, he thought we would be there for some time, but was surprised when we left so soon. Monte is still there I didn't see him but was told he is in pretty bad shape. His wife was to see him a few days before we got there she comes up there quite often I was told. No one seems to like him up there so he stays in his cell all the time. We had a fine trip both ways and I think it did me good as I feel good now. It was quite a change from being in here all the time, and something different to eat. We had money so bought our meals while we were up there. I guess I told you about going to work the same day I left here. I was working in the yard cleaning up around so hope they let me out working from now on. I see the ones I know down here but don't get to talk to them yet. Maby I will soon. Now I am out every day its nice. I would like to have you come down but not until you are working and things are going along better for you. I know things are not very good for you now but they will before long and then you can come down. Sullivan can arrange to get you in here. I think you might write to him about it. I will be here for some time so you don't have to hurry and I may be better settled after while, and then things will be better for both of us. So Irean is back in Bensenville going to school that's nice. I sure hope Nick gets to feeling good agin, give my regards to him and May, also to Irean and your mother and hope you find some kind of steady work soon. I don't think those agents will bother any more now.

Elmer Farmer.

Copy.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, 47103, to Blanche Brabant, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Sept. 30, 1935.

Dear Blanche:

I wrote to you Saturday night on the way back here. We were only up to St. Paul a few days, I thought we would be there longer. It was a nice trip both ways and the ride did me good. I had my meals sent in from the Hotel up there so the money you sent me I paid for them and had four dollars left when I got back here. I didn't see McDeekan while I was there, but was told he was in bad and may be disbarred up there, so at that rate I don't think he could do me any good in St. Paul. Sullivan the United States Attorney was talking to me for two days. I told him I didn't know any of those people in the trial that is coming up soon. He had me look at them and I told him I never seen them before. So Allerton told him the same as I did, so they sent us right back here. I don't want to go back to any of those trials up there and told Sullivan that, he said he didn't blame me. Last Tuesday morning was the first day I went to work down here and at noon I was told to get ready to go to St. Paul, so that was all the work I did, but hope they put me back on the job today. I was working in the yard cleaning up around, not any hard work and plenty of fresh air and sunshine. Sullivan was talking about having me transferred to some other place. He said he would write to Washington about it and I would hear some thing soon. I told him if I was working down here I would like it alright. So if I hear anything about it will let you know. You can send me five dollars down here as that's all I am allowed as I have four dollars in the office now. I suppose you were surprised when you received a letter from me saying I was on my way back to St. Paul. It was a surprise to me when they told me I had to go back there. Every one was very nice to us up there, and we had a berth both ways and had our meals on the train. They sure serve good meals. The weather was nice only when we got to St. Paul it was raining but in the afternoon it was nice, and it stayed that way all the time we were there. How is Gifford getting along with his work and is the car still running, that sure was a good ford. I suppose business is pretty good for Jim now and you don't see much of him. I hope everything goes along alright and I can get my sentence out so I can get out in a few years, that's about the only thing I can look for now. Best regards to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 9, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238  
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUC-  
TION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to trial of MATTHEW GLEASON charged with having harbored Volney Davis on or about February 6, 1935 at Aurora, Illinois, this case was set down for trial today at Chicago but no witnesses had been called for same, and Assistant United States Attorney Austin Hall telephoned and advised that he was having this continued to a later date for trial, and requested advice as to whether there was any understanding that this case was to be dismissed.

Mr. Hall was advised that we knew of no reason why this trial should not proceed in the usual manner, based upon the information which had been previously furnished to them in summary report, provided the subject did not enter plea of guilty. It was indicated to Assistant U.S. Attorney Hall that possibly this man would agree to enter a plea of guilty and accept a suspended sentence or probation, which would avoid the necessity of bringing in a number of witnesses from distant points to try such case.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE <b>Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218, FUGITIVE; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. #1232; Harry Campbell, with aliases, I.O. #1236; William Weaver, with aliases, I.O. #1238; William J. Harrison, with aliases, I.O. #1239; Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, I.O. #1241. Edward George Bremer - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Saratoga, New York revealed that Arthur J. Bradley not identical with subject William E. Meade, and that Freddie Freed was not identical with Fred Flower, with aliases. Postmaster at Saratoga responsible for unfounded report that Alvin Karpis had hide out near there. Investigation at Saratoga based on informant's report that Karpis was there recently, was negative. No one having concession at Riley's gambling casino is known to have resided at Greenland House, Franklin Street, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.</p>			
<p>REFERENCES: Teletype from Boston office dated 8/6/35. Teletype from SAC Stapleton to Director and Boston office dated 8/7/35. Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett dated at Boston, Mass. 8/8/35. Bureau letter dated 8/10/35. Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett dated at Boston, Mass. 8/15/35. Report of Special Agent J. P. Lacour dated at Jacksonville, Fla. 8/16/35. Report of Special Agent M. D. Traub dated at Washington 8/19/35. Letter of SAC Stapleton to Director dated 8/26/35. Report</p>			
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of Special Agent F. J. Blake dated at Dallas, Texas 8/26/35. Report of Special Agent C. E. Pelletier dated at Philadelphia, Pa. 8/27/35. Report of G. V. Doherty, Special Agent dated at Buffalo, N.Y. 8/29/35. Report of Special Agent F. J. Blake dated at Dallas, Texas 9/3/35. Bureau letter to New York City dated 9/7/35. Bureau letter dated 9/7/35. Report of SAC E. J. Connelley dated at Chicago, Ill. 9/7/35. Report of Special Agent J. P. Lacour dated at Jacksonville, Florida 9/18/35. Report of Special Agent Wm. J. McNulty dated at New York City 10/3/35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.**

As the result of information received by teletype message from the Boston Bureau office dated August 6, 1935, to the effect that William E. Meade, with aliases, was possibly identical with one Arthur J. Bradley, Post Office Box #216, Saratoga Springs, New York, and that Fred Flower was possibly identical with Freddie Freed, same address, investigation was made at the Post Office, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. which revealed that Post Office Box #216 was rented in the name of Ransom Varney, a local roofer of good reputation. Further investigation revealed that said Varney also operated a rooming house, and solicited roomers by a large sign placed outside his residence which was on the outskirts of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

I. VanWagner, Night Postal Clerk on duty at said Post Office advised that Freddie Freed had boarded with the Varney family for the past several years, during the racing season, and was a gambler who operated a Roulette wheel at one of the gambling casinos in the resort city. VanWagner also advised that there were several other individuals whom he thought were gamblers, who also resided with Freed at the Varney home. Upon making examination of Box #216, there was found to be a letter addressed to Mr. C. J. Freed,

Box #216, Saratoga Springs, New York, which was postmarked at Miami, Florida, August 5, 1935, 8:00 A.M., and which had a return address of C. Freed, 167 N.W. 45th Street, Miami, Florida. There was also a letter addressed to Mr. Arthur Bradley, Saratoga Springs, New York, Box #216, which was postmarked Providence, Rhode Island, August 5, 1935, 12:00 midnight. Tracings were made of said letters, which tracings will be forwarded to the office of origin with copies of this report.

Postmaster John Corey was interviewed and advised that he would place a mail cover on said box and would also hold up any letters addressed to Freed or Bradley until examined by this Agent, as long as Agent remained in the vicinity of Saratoga.

When Postmaster Corey was questioned relative to the Varney home, in regard to this Agent taking a room there, he stated that Varney was a local roofer of good reputation, who operated a rooming house, thereupon Agent rented said room. Mr. Varney suggested that he had a sport cabriolet car, which he used very little, and which he would be only too pleased to have Agent use when at the Varney home. Accordingly Agent parked the Bureau car in Varney's garage, obtained Mr. Varney's car and procured a set of dummy plates from Chief of Police Pattie Rocks, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Agent stayed at the Varney home for three days and returned there several times thereafter for over-night.

Mrs. Varney advised Agent that Freddie Freed was a gambler, who operated a Roulette wheel at Riley's casino, who had boarded at their home for the past five or six years, and whose home was in Miami, Florida. Mrs. Varney stated that Freed had a family of six or seven children, and that altho Freed traveled about the country being employed in the various gambling houses, his family remained in Florida. She stated that he also operated a factory in Florida for the manufacture of gambling material.

Mrs. Varney advised that Arthur J. Bradley was a friend of Freddie Freed's, who had also worked in a gambling casino for awhile at Saratoga, but who had lost his position and returned to his home in Massachusetts or Rhode Island.

A picture of William E. Meade was displayed to Mrs. Varney under the pretext that it was someone whom she ought to

know, and she advised Agent that she had never seen anyone resembling said picture. Mrs. Varney described Arthur J. Bradley as a man between 50 and 60 years of age, tall, slightly gray, no physical defects.

Agent on one occasion conversed with Freddie Freed concerning his position at the gambling casino. It was noted from personal observation that Freed could be described as follows:

Name	Freddie Freed
Age	About 38 years
Height	5'7"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Stout
Color of Hair	Black
Color of Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Peculiarities	Oval face, hair parted in the middle
Nationality	American
Dress	Very nicely dressed and presented a good appearance.

Thru the Post Office, a forwarding address was procured for Arthur J. Bradley, 170 Waverly Street, Providence, Rhode Island. From the investigation conducted at Saratoga it would appear that Arthur J. Bradley is not identical with subject William E. Meade, with aliases; and Freddie Freed is not identical with Fred Flowers, with aliases; however in that Freddie Freed was considered at Saratoga as a person of slightly doubtful and questionable background, and was very well known among the confidence men and gamblers, it is thought that he would be well acquainted with subject William E. Meade, but it was not thought advisable to contact him in reference to this matter at this time.

On August 28, 1935, Agent was in Saratoga on another matter and noticed a story in the Saratogan, a local newspaper, concerning the fact that Karpis was hiding out near said city in a farm house near Loughberry Lake, and that Federal Agents had raided him a few hours after he had left said hiding place, copy of which newspaper clipping, and a follow-up in said paper on August 29, 1935, is being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report.

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Agent contacted Chief of Police Rocks, Saratoga Springs, New York, who was unable to advise the origin of said story. Agent then contacted Postmaster John Corey, who advised that he had given a written statement to the local newspaper that day wherein he had said that a public enemy was being hunted in Saratoga and that said public enemy was a member of one of the western kidnaping gangs. He stated that he was prompted to do this as the local newspaper reporter was asking him for news, and that although Agent had advised him to treat the matter of the investigation at the Post Office as confidential, as no names were mentioned, he thought no particular harm would be done. Mr. Corey was very upset to think that the newspaper had changed his story and inserted the name of Karpis. The story was wholly a fiction of Mr. Corey's mind based on a few facts he had obtained from this agent in connection with the investigation. As a result of the newspaper article there were several false rumors that Karpis was seen in and about Saratoga.

In reference to Bureau letter dated September 7, 1935 from Assistant Director Harold Nathan, advising that Informant Bernard Levy, had reported seeing Karpis in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and suggesting proper investigation at Greenland House, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., concerning the "tip off" which was supposed to have been given Karpis by a man who had a concession in Riley's Gambling House; investigation was made at 60 Franklin Street, and it was ascertained that the Greenland House was a summer hotel for Jewish residents, and which had been closed.

From a neighbor next door, it was ascertained that the manager of said house was Mrs. Sadie Wolf, 1570 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, and a lead is accordingly be addressed to the New York City office. Said neighbor who did not give her name advised that there was no individual who had a gambling concession at Riley's, who resided at the Greenland House during the season, to her knowledge.

In company with Chief of Police Pattie Rocks, agent contacted the management of Riley's Gambling House, located on the Lake Road outside of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and from Scottie Morrison, who was the "bank roll" of said casino, the following list of gamblers operating in said Casino was obtained.



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Harold Fishough  
Jimmy Trainor  
Ralph Livingston  
Joe Virgilio  
Mike Bliss  
Bob Weir  
Dick Gorman  
John Mosher  
Donald Seigal  
Matt Rielly  
Fred Freed  
Johnny Grogan

Jim White  
Bob Auolol  
John Harris  
Ray Ryan  
Phil Duncan  
John Chism  
George Roney  
Gabe Kennedy  
Jerome Potter  
Jim Brennan  
Clarence Lange  
Phil O'Brien

He advised that he did not know all the addresses. Said Scottie Morrison, Nat Dunn, Manager of said Casino, and Doc Louis Darone, part owner thereof, advised that there was no rumor of Karpis' presence in Saratoga which had ever circulated at their casino during the season, and that they doubted very much the authenticity of said statement.

Chief of Police Rocks advised Frank C. Clark, 47 Church Street, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., had reported having seen Karpis but that Clark was a rather queer individual, who sold horseradish about the streets, and nobody had given the matter much consideration.

Charles Clark, brother of Frank C. Clark, 250 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. was interviewed and he advised that the individual whom his brother had advised the police was Karpis, was a man who had stayed over night at his (Charles Clark's) rooming house, and that said individual was at least fifty years old, and did not resemble Karpis any more than his "mother".

The mail tracings taken from Box #216 rented in the name of R. Varney, are being forwarded to the office of origin with copies of this report, in that it is thought that subject Meade or subject Flowers, with aliases, may have communicated with Freed or his other gambling friends residing at the Varney Home.



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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE at BROOKLYN, N.Y. will interview Mrs. Sadie Wolf, 1570 President Street, and ascertain whether there was anyone residing at her boarding house during the past season, who operated a concession at Riley's or other gambling casinos at the resort city; and will ascertain whether she heard any rumors relative to subject Karpis being seen in or about Saratoga, or about his being "tipped off" by anyone residing at her house.

THE JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA OFFICE will locate and interview Freddie Freed, who is reported to have relatives at 167 No. West 45th Street, Miami, Florida, and ascertain from him whether he is acquainted with subject William E. Meade, with aliases, and whether he can give any information concerning subject Meade's present whereabouts. Freed should not be advised of the Bureau's knowledge of his Saratoga activities, or at least the manner in which same was obtained.

P E N D I N G

The Saratogan  
Saratoga Springs, NY August 28, 1935

## Farmhouse Near Loughberry Lake Revealed as Karpis Hiding Place; Visited City Twice During August

Public Enemy Number One, Long Sought,  
Eluded Capture Six Hours Before Trap Was  
To Be Sprung—Returned for Single Day

Six hours is hardly to be considered a long period of time. Yet it was just six hours that kept an obscure little farm house back of Loughberry Lake from being perhaps the last hiding place of Alvin Karpis, public enemy Number One.

Details of a search for Karpis, wanted in Minneapolis for the Bremer kidnaping and other crimes throughout the country, were revealed today by a source close to federal operatives on the trail of the man who recently threatened to "get" J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men.

Karpis had been arrested in Northampton, Mass., on a minor traffic charge two days before he arrived in this city. He was not recognized, posted \$200 cash bail and skipped town, leaving his car behind. Finger prints from the car were sent to Washington and proved to be those of the man hunted by Hoover's sleuths.

The gangster spent three days at the little farm house back of Loughberry Lake, attending the races daily and taking a minor part in Saratoga's night life. Six hours before a federal operative arrived at the farm house his prey left.

The trail led to Providence, R. I., to Boston, Mass., and back to this city, where Karpis again dropped in at the racetrack. He spent only a day this time, leaving that night for Providence, where the trail has been lost, according to information made public today.

Saratoga Springs police were prepared to throw an ambush around the farm house here at a moment's notice when the federal operative arrived and made his request to police officials.

The time of Karpis' first flight from this city was Aug. 14.

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The Saratogan  
Saratoga Springs, NY  
August 29, 1935

## SARATOGA COUNTY GANGSTER INQUIRY ASKED OF LEHMAN

Crime Prevention League  
Charges Underworld Char-  
acters Operated in City

### TRACE KARPIS STORY

Kidnaping Pal of Public  
Enemy No. 1 Eluded Police  
In Northampton, Mass.

Close on reports that Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, spent three days in Saratoga Springs during the August racing season this year. The Associated Press carried a report today that G. Rowland Munroe, attorney for the National Crime Prevention League, announced he was appealing to Governor Lehman to investigate whether other underworld figures have been here, and "operated without fear of interference."

Reports of the presence of Karpis remained unverified officially, but it was disclosed one of his aides, William Elmer Mead, slipped out of the hands of the Northampton, Mass., police July 12.

The Associated Press, in a dispatch from this city, said today:

"Reports that Alvin Karpis, the notorious Minnesota kidnaper, escaped a federal trap net at the height of the racing season here, spread through Saratoga Springs today, but no confirmation was forthcoming from federal or city authorities."

"At the same time, it was disclosed at Northampton, Mass., that one of Karpis' supposed aides in the notorious Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul—William Elmer Mead slipped through the hands of the Northampton police on July 12."

"The reports of Karpis' escape persisted in the night clubs of the Saratoga Springs area, and the Saratoga Springs Saratogian quoted an undisclosed 'source close to federal authorities' that Karpis had been traced to a farmhouse on nearby Loughberry Lake, but disappeared six hours before a federal raid had been planned on Aug. 16."

the late that drew Karpis to Saratoga Springs—if he actually was here—and, according to the night club reports, the criminal had considerable money to the bookmakers during his three-day stay. The Saratogian says Karpis later was traced to Boston and Providence. This could not be confirmed.

### Pal Escaped in Northampton

"Mead, one of Karpis' suspected lieutenants in the Bremer kidnaping, is known to have been operating within 100 miles of this resort as recently as July 12, when he was arrested in Northampton, Mass., on traffic violation charges."

"Under an assumed name, Mead posted \$200 bond, and left the city without his automobile. A check of mutilated fingerprints on the car disclosed that its occupant had been the Karpis lieutenant, and that he also was wanted in Jacksonville, Fla., in connection with a mail holdup."

"Karpis recently was reported to have mailed to Washington from Ohio a threat against the life of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-men who have been tracking down public enemies. Other such threats were branded as fakes."

### Asks Investigation

"Concurrent with the Karpis report, G. Rowland Munroe, attorney for the National Crime Prevention League, announced it was appealing to Gov. Herbert H. Lehman to investigate Saratoga County."

"The league said it was sending a letter to the Governor charging that the Saratoga racing season has afforded a rich harvest for the underworld characters who have thronged there, and operated without any apparent fear of interference."

## SARATOGA COUNTY

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"Governor Lehman was attending the State Fair at Syracuse today. At his office in Albany it was said his staff did not know whether he had received the league's letter."

"The league said it had asked the Governor to order an investigation of alleged rackets and gambling in Saratoga County. It also recommended that Saratoga County be studied as an 'excellent example' for the Governor's forthcoming October crime conference."

As newspaper men checked up on the Karpis Saratoga Springs story The Associated Press sent out the following from Buffalo:

"A Saratoga Springs report today that Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, had slipped away from there just ahead of federal agents hunting him was called 'just another story' by Theodore N. Stapleton, in charge of the Buffalo office of the Department of Justice."

"Reminded that similar denials had been made in the cases of other wanted men until they were tracked down, Stapleton merely laughed. He said he had heard the Saratoga Springs 'rumor' last night."

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